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**SANTA AND SIBLINGS.** Samantha and Katherine Burke, ages one and two, respectively, each got one of Santa's ears during the holiday festivities that were held on the Town Common last weekend. The Burkes found the Jolly Old Elf in the Fourth of July Building shortly after he arrived on the scene on the next best thing after a sleigh: a fire engine. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Local priest joins call for Cardinal Law's resignation

By STAFF REPORTS

**WILMINGTON** - A local reverend has joined as many as 37 other priests from the area of Boston who have signed a letter that calls for the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law.

Reverend Phillip B. Earley, of St. Thomas Church in Wilmington, has aligned himself with colleagues who have demanded that Cardinal Law step down and help bring closer to an end the sexual abuse scandal that has rocked the Catholic Church since January.

"The events of recent months and, in particular, these last few days, make it clear to us that your position as our bishop

toys for tots teaches

## The family art of giving

By AIMEE MAILLETT

**WILMINGTON** - Santa Claus is coming to town in just two weeks. Children have been on their best behavior, while Santa has been making his list and checking it twice. And with the help of volunteers at West Real Estate in Wilmington and the United States Marine Corps, Santa will be able to make it on every snowcapped rooftop and down all the soot-filled chimneys to deliver well-deserved

Local author pens

## Peters' vision of Vacationland

By LARZ E. NEILSON

Winter is not generally regarded as a very appealing season, especially in Maine. A great many people flee to the South to become snowbirds rather than face the cold.

Some, though, revel in the season that others hate. Skiers, otters, Monhegan lobstermen.

McCoy Investigation

## Selectmen apologize to Chief Nally

By STEPHEN BJORK

**WILMINGTON** - An apology has been issued by the Board of Selectmen to Police Chief Bernard Nally, in regards to some sentiments that had been expressed that called into question the integrity of the investigation that had been conducted into allegations that had been made against Michael McCoy.

is so compromised that it is no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church of Boston," reads an excerpt from the letter, which was issued on Monday.

All throughout 2002, allegations have surfaced and records have been made public that have painted a picture of hundreds of instances of sexual abuse committed by certain priests against children. Such claims and documents have also presented Law as a leader of the Archdiocese who chose to relocate abusive priests to other parishes once the allegations made against them were

presents to children.

For the past six years, West Real Estate and its volunteers have worked in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps for Toys for Tots, a program organized by the Marine Corps to provide a "tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas." Local community organizations and companies conduct Toys for Tots campaigns to raise funds and collect toys for the pro-

brought to his attention.

At press time, Reverend Earley was not available for comment.

The letter signed by Reverend Earley and the other priests make the first public instance in which officials within the church have formally called for Law's resignation.

This week, Cardinal Law has been overseas in Rome, where he has been meeting privately with Vatican officials and negotiating what he should do next. According to one official, Law is scheduled to meet with the Pope at one point this week.

gram.

For the past six years, Frank and Karen West, the owners of West Real Estate, and their ten volunteers have organized several events to raise money and toy donations for Toys for Tots. According to Frank, their events have raised more than 2,000 toys for the program last year.

"I always wanted to do something nice for the community,"

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nine art books. Arnold Skolnick was the picture editor. He has designed and produced more than 50 books on American art and artists.

Any book on Maine art will include work by Winslow Homer, William and Marguerite Zorach, Rockwell Kent, Jamie

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selectmen's previous meeting on November 25. During that meeting, Nally reported the findings of his seven-month investigation into accusations that Selectman McCoy tried to finance an appeal against a permit that has been granted to Focaccia Restaurant on Lowell Street. (McCoy does not admit

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### Zoning Board of Appeals

## Wandell, Hooper fill vacancies

By STEPHEN BJORK

**WILMINGTON** - The Board of Selectmen made two appointments to the Board of Appeals during its meeting on Monday, December 9. Dan Wandell Jr. was promoted to the rank of a permanent member on the board, while George Hooper was chosen as an associate to fill the vacancy that was thus created.

Wandell began serving on the Board of Appeals as an associate member in July of 2000. The selectmen received a letter of recommendation in support of Wandell from Charles Boyle, the Chairman of the Board of Appeals, who commended Wandell on the fine level of service that he has provided as an associate member.

"I wholeheartedly recommend Daniel C. Wandell, Jr. for the appointment," Boyle stated. "Dan has served on the Board of Appeals for several years and during that time has developed an excellent understanding of the zoning by-laws and the Board's procedures."

ConCom offers

## Walk through Town Forest

By AIMEE MAILLETT

**WILMINGTON** - You may drive along Andover Street and cast a glance at the sign posted at the Wilmington Town Forest, but few residents actually realize the benefits and value that these woodlands have to offer.

The property has been set aside by the town solely for the use and enjoyment of residents. The Conservation Commission will be hosting two events this month that it hopes will better acquaint residents with the beloved property.

### Wilmington Annual Tree-Lighting

## A Winter Wonderland

By STEPHEN BJORK

**WILMINGTON** - The Wilmington 4th of July Committee held its 19th annual tree lighting ceremony on December 7. Bedford Falls, the small, quaint, Capra community from the James Stewart classic "It's a Wonderful Life," had nothing on Wilmington that night.

Heavily garbed adults and

The vote to appoint Wandell, which derived from a motion made by Selectman Michael McCoy, was unanimous.

The seat in question had previously been occupied by John Forrest. Forrest left the Board of Appeals in October, however, to accept an appointment to fill a vacated seat on the Board of Selectmen.

Wandell's new position opened up a seat for a new associate member. James Banda, Jr., Edward Loud and George W. Hooper, Sr. had been vying for the open permanent seat and were now in line for the title of Associate Member.

Selectman McCoy made a motion to nominate Loud for the position of associate member, while Forrest made a one to nominate Hooper. A vote was taken, and the nod went to Hooper by a count of three votes over Loud's two votes.

In other matters, the Board approved 2003 licenses for all Alcoholic Beverages, Class I Garage, Class II Garage, Automatic Amusement Devices,

Entertainment Licenses, and Common Victualer Licenses currently held by Wilmington establishments that were seeking renewal.

The only establishment of note was Royal Dynasty, which Chairman Robert Cain suggested that the Board address separately. In November, the board had imposed a three-day suspension of the Royal Dynasty's license to serve alcohol after finding that the restaurant served an intoxicated person, thus violating a law of the Alcoholic Beverage Code. The suspension has not yet been served, as the matter is currently awaiting appeal before the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission. Cain suggested that the Board issue a license subject to the disposition of the appeal. The motion was made and carried.

In order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, McCoy abstained from voting on the renewal of licenses involving his

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events are part of the development of the Town Forest Plan, which has been devised to "improve access and essentially encourage people to use it more."

To reach its goals, the Commission is working in conjunction with the Massachusetts Audubon Society Ecological Extension Service, Philip Benjamin Forestry Services and Thomas Wirth Associates Landscape Architects.

Consultants from these three organizations, along with members of the Wilmington

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**A-CAROLING.** Kathy Major, left, and Lorraine Mills, right, share a laugh as they belt out a carol from their spot on the gazebo during the tree-lighting festivities that were held at the Town Common last weekend. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)





ALL SHE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS. That's what little Lynn Porter told Santa when her father, Greg, introduced her to the Jolly Old Elf during the tree-lighting ceremony that was held on the Tewksbury Town Common last Friday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Kiwanis Club's safety helmets are available

WILMINGTON - The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington has again supplied the Firefighters and the Safety Building with safety helmets. These are multisport helmets rather than straight bicycle helmets. Multisport means they are designed to meet the standards for bicycle, skateboard, rollerblading, and scooters. These helmets are ANSI and Snell approved, i.e. they meet the highest safety standards. They are made by Bell International and are bike shop quality helmets, as opposed to department store quality and would retail in the \$29-\$39 range. The writer recently saw them advertised on sale at a department store for \$29.95. The helmets are available in toddler (child xs), child, youth and adult sizes and the firefighters or police officers can adjust them for proper fit. The Police Department also has bicycle helmets as part of their community policing effort.

Some of the features of these helmets are aggressive styling, increased ventilation, hard shell construction, riveted straps, full coverage inside padding and the

use of extra fit pads to cover a wide sizing range. These multisport helmets do not look like traditional bicycle helmets as they fit further down on the head to give increased protection in the additional sports.

As a service to the community the Kiwanis Club is selling these helmets at \$12 each. The Kiwanis Club and the Wilmington Firefighters and Police are both concerned with keeping the people of Wilmington safe. Making the helmets available at this low cost is one of the ways they try to assist.

If you or your child needs a helmet, stop by the Public Safety Building on Adelaide Street and ask the dispatcher on duty for a firefighter to get and fit a helmet. The firefighters are trained to make sure the helmet fits properly.

With the holiday season upon us, many children will be getting bikes, skateboards, etc. and the need for a helmet is imperative. Also youngsters outgrow helmets and the old ones need to be replaced. It is also not a good idea to pass on a helmet to a younger sibling, although a passed down helmet is better than none. If a helmet is cracked or the padding is worn it should be replaced. Wearing a helmet yourself and teaching your youngster to always, always wear their helmets is the best way to make sure they use one when they get older. The adult daughter of one of the Kiwanis members possibly had her life saved by a helmet when she had a serious bicycle accident. And there was a recent accident here in Wilmington where a youngster was saved by his helmet.

A cracked or broken helmet should be replaced, as it will not provide the protection that a new

one can offer. Also, a helmet is only good for about three years as the inner padding (styrofoam) breaks down. For this reason helmets should not be passed down to younger siblings. No one should ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, or roller blades without a helmet. Even toddlers on tricycles and big wheels should wear one. One fall can injure anyone. One does not necessarily have to crash with a car to injure their head.

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington is a service organization, which provides service to the community, especially elders and children. Among their projects are providing scholarships for graduating Wilmington high school seniors (WHS and Shawsheen Tech); and, with the cooperation of the Police Department, they put on the Bicycle Safety Assemblies in elementary schools and, with the cooperation of the Police Department and Firefighters Local 1370 sponsor the Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May. They also put on dinner gatherings for the senior citizens in December at Deming Way and in the late spring at the Senior Center. They built the Silver Lake Playground for the enjoyment of the community children. They assist many other individuals and organizations in Wilmington. Regionally they support the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at the New England Medical Center and Boston MedFlight. Internationally they sponsor the elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disease (IDD) the most common cause of preventable mental retardation in the world.

Membership in the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington is open to any adult who lives or works in the Wilmington area. The Club meets at Rocco's Restaurant at 193 Main St. (Rt. 38) Wilmington on the first and third Monday evenings every month at 7:00 for dinner and their meeting.

For more information on the Club or on joining the Club or assisting the Club in their service to the community, call Club Secretary, Don Rich at 978-658-5568.

Kiwanis Club supply safety helmets

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In addition, some states have an inheritance tax that depends on who the heirs are. The closer the relatives, the lower the tax rate. Ohio and Oklahoma have an estate tax on the estate as a whole.

If you live in more than one state, be sure you make clear which location is your domicile, or both states will try to collect when you die.

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## From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

### A Cool \$9 Million

Here's some cold water in our faces.

Last week, Eric Kriss, who is Governor-elect Mitt Romney's finance secretary, painted for the citizens of the Commonwealth a portrait of the state's economy that is as bleak as anything by Edward Munch. According to the published news articles, Kriss went so far as to say that the state is weathering its worst fiscal crisis since . . . are you sitting down? . . . The Great Depression.

Folks in Wilmington can stand back up. As many residents in town know, there is a towel on hand for that frigid splash in the face.

We're talking about that "free cash" reserve that has recently been certified by the Department of Revenue to the tune of approximately \$9 million. Specifically, we're referring to a surplus that has been carefully cultivated by Town Manager Michael Cairra and his staff.

For many, Town Manager Cairra is a polarizing figure in town, an official whose personality some feel is beginning to outweigh his performance. We're here today to talk about his performance.

When Cairra became town manager in 1990, he inherited the budget woes of a community in the red. It's twelve years later, and Wilmington is back in black.

Lots of people have some fine ideas as to how some of that \$9 million could be spent. For instance, many folks would like to dip into the surplus so that certain buildings can be repaired, more sidewalks can be installed, additional roads can be fixed and environmental concerns can be remedied.

These are causes for which all residents should rally, but now is not the time to tamper with the town's treasure. At the state level there loom too many budget cuts and reforms, the impacts of which have not yet been determined and specified to small towns with big needs.

And remember. Financial institutions are more willing to loan money to towns with savvy savings. And those municipalities can acquire such loans at lower rates and manage such debts in a way that is as favorable to the town as possible.

In January, The Town Crier gave Cairra a "tip of the umbrella" for keeping Wilmington out of the downpour gushing from the stormy economy above. With Kriss crossing those who were under the impression that a recovery was in our sights, Cairra's "umbrella" now feels more like a big, warm, dry tent.

## Betsy's Best Bets

with Betsy Woods McGuire

### Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Winter under cultivation is as arable as Spring (Emily Dickinson)

Once the winter weather sets in, most of us are not thinking much about those quaint coastal towns that we like so much during the summertime. For me, though, there is one exception. As enchanting as Newburyport is on a warm, balmy July evening, believe it or not, I enjoy visiting this charming historical seaside town even more during the winter. The closer to Christmas, the better.

Just the look alone is enough to draw you under the spell of such a picturesque, inviting, small village center. Gaslights line the main streets, window boxes are filled with pine and holly and winter-berry, and tiny white lights twinkle on trees and through windows. Cobblestones and brick, red bows blowing, clusters of bells on door wreaths tingle and jingle and mingle as shoppers push their way in and out. Snow along the sides, some flurries and the irrepressible spirit of Winter and the Holiday is certain to get the best of you.

Make sure you take Route 62 to the old Route 1, then follow signs for Plum Island. When you can't go any further and you're looking at the ocean, go left. (Plum Island is to the right.) This street comes into the back of Newburyport and leads to two big parking lots. I love this drive. It sets the tone, I think. And you get to see some of the oldest houses, built in the 1700's, sitting right on the water's edge, looking out across the stark, cold bay and marshes of Plum Island

and Salisbury.

It would be safe to say that most of us could do all of our Christmas shopping in the heart of downtown and along the side streets of Newburyport. Small, pretty, and compact shops, boutiques, antiques, cafes, restaurants, bookstores and more are door to door. Probably every shop in Newburyport is worth investigating - no matter your destination you won't be disappointed. So I'll just list a few of the places that I try to never miss.

For several years now I've been buying almost all of those jewelry gifts at ANNIE'S on Pleasant Street. This is a beautiful looking shop, long and narrow with big bright windows in front. Lots of hanging and dangling works of art will catch your eye and make you sigh, then pull you inside where you are sure to buy. Gorgeous bracelets, earrings, necklaces and pins, all distinctive, some one-of-a-kind, all uncommon, are attractively displayed. You will also find a large selection of out-of-the-ordinary handcrafted gift items as well.

Right next door to Annie's is the MARKETFLAIR, a woman's clothing store. This is MY kind of store. Small, crowded, elbow-room-only, you can find earthy styles in cotton, flannel, canvas, cord; that understated Cambridge look. And much of the merchandise is made in the USA!

On the same street, a few doors

down is the Cafe' Sienna. Warm and enticing with small tables and chairs, this is the perfect spot to stop for an espresso or cappuccino or a good strong cup of Colombian. A sparkling glass case will tempt you with Italian biscotti, pastries, cakes and cookies.

Then walk across the street to GRETA'S GREAT GRAINS bakery for a loaf of peasant bread or anadama, multigrain, malsovit or Austrian fruit, to name a few. Just the tantalizing smell alone of muffins, scones, cookies, coffee cake, pies, sticks and twists baking is sure to drive you wild.

When it comes to restaurants, there are so many really good places to eat in Newburyport and so much variety that you won't need any help finding a good restaurant. Most post their menus in the front window.

With all of what Newburyport has to offer, you might be a bit surprised when I tell you which store is my very favorite. It's FOWLE'S, a magazine and newspaper distributor. Second only to the Andover Book Store, Fowle's is the place where I can easily kill an hour or more, and have it feel like 10 minutes. Offering Boston, New York and International newspapers and every imaginable magazine that you would want, this store is a magazine-news junkie's dream-come-true. Established around 1860 and remaining at their present location on State Street since about

1870, you might say that this long lived Newburyport institution has endured. And as you walk through the door you can instantly feel the solid, tried and true New England permanence, persistence and lastingness that I treasure and cling to with a passion. Old and worn but strong enough to carry the weight of a century along. Boxed chocolates, cigars, imported tobacco, roasted cashews and racks of reading. To the right of the store is the newly renovated and renamed ME & OLLIE'S CAFE', serving ice cream sodas, smoothies, sandwiches, salads, soups and of course a good cup of coffee. What better combination could anyone wish for all under one roof. Hey, I could spend the whole day reading away if they'd let me stay.

In Winter, Newburyport's close community of tradition, custom and culture feeds the festive feel of Holiday merriment and goodwill. Light hearted locals let their laughter linger longer on corners and in hangouts. Cheer is everywhere. So bundle up, take the stroll, scout it out, snoop and stare, breath in the air, browse and buy 'til the cold makes you high.

P.S. This Friday, December 13 is "Invitation Night" in Newburyport. You can enjoy the merchant's hospitality, food, music and live entertainment throughout downtown.

Questions/Comments: betsywmc@attbi.com.

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks for the song books

Dear Editor:

Just a quick note to say a special thank you for inserting the Christmas Carol Song Book in the newspaper. Wonderful thought.

Merry Christmas

Rosemarie A. Krugh  
Tewksbury subscriber

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank you for the kind feedback.

The real thank you goes to the two dozen sponsors whose ads appear in the song book. They are the real providers in our community. The Town Crier just passes their good feelings along to the people who live here.

We still have about 500 Christmas Carol Song Books left. If anyone would like one or several, just stop by the Town Crier office at 104 Lowell Street in Wilmington, and we'll be glad to give them to you.

### Academic Decathlon Team excels at WHS

Dear Editor:

Over the course of the last three months I had the distinct opportunity to work with the kids on the Academic Decathlon team at the Wilmington High School. These students compete every year with other high schools across the state in a variety of academic disciplines. The competition and preparation is every bit as intense as any club or sport I have personally experienced in the past.

Three months before the competition, the members were already gearing up for the big day. Members took upon themselves the responsibility to learn a particular topic for future peer tutoring. It

was truly a team effort. As the weeks progressed I was impressed with the work ethic all of the members demonstrated.

The faculty provided expert tutoring in the various subjects. With the assistance of Mr. Cripps, Ms. McNeely, Ms. Symonds, Ms. Peters, Mr. Dillmore, and Mr. Luciana the students had a deeper understanding of each of the subject areas. Those teachers deserve a lot of credit for donating their time after school.

What really drove the success of the team was the effort by the students. They took this noble challenge on themselves. They knew competition would be fierce, in-

cluding teams from Austin Prep and Westwood. They competed well with the best in the state and for that they deserve a lot of recognition.

I look forward to working with these students in the upcoming North Reading competition and future generations of decathlon members. This club brings out the best in an individual, teamwork, discipline, and knowledge. It takes a true Renaissance person to take on the challenge.

Here are the results from the November 23 competition:

Christina Ng: Third place economics.

Mike Bozella: second place music, third place math, 4th place social sciences.

Jason Ballinck: Third place economics, 4th place math.

Dan Jamerson: 4th place music.

Jen Lee: Coach's Award medal.

The competition was extremely tough and they all did a great job representing Wilmington High School. Good luck to all in the upcoming contest in North Reading.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Riley  
Wilmington High School

## Poem

### Twass the Night Before . . .

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

Twass the night before the Board meeting and all through the town,

Only one candidate was standing, twelve were shot down.

The plan for the nomination was completed with care  
In hopes that the town citizens would not be there.

Everyone in the audience had just settled in their seat,  
Hoping this meeting would not be just another repeat.  
Then all at once there arose such a clatter.  
The Chairman said their opinion did not matter.

His eyes how they were flashing;  
His fists on the desk were bashing.  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon let everyone know they had something to dread.

More rapid than eagles, his answers they came.  
He shouted and called them all by name.  
No Frank, no George, no Anne and no Paul.  
Now go away, go away, go away all.

He congratulated himself for a good night's work.  
The audience meanwhile was going berserk.  
And I heard him exclaim as he adjourned the meeting that night,  
"I won't give up my seat in April without a fight."

George R. Allan  
Wilmington

### Tasting festival was a delicious success

Dear Editor:

What a great evening of Gourmet Delights Tasting Festival we had!

We raised over \$6,500 for services to low income families who lack the funds or insurance to cover the cost of much needed treatment.

Diners faced the challenge of picking the winning restaurants. The winners were:

Chocolate Paradise: First prize, Focaccia, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Casa di Fior, Wilmington, and Country Chef, Wilmington.

Exotic Entree: First prize, Chef's Table, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Focaccia, Wilmington, and Casa di Fior, Wilmington.

Favorite Half-Time Snack: First Prize, Oscar's Pinatas, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Ground Round, Stoneham and Andover.

Glad I Found You: First Prize, Focaccia, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington, and Chef's Table, Wilmington.

Just Like Mom's: Tied for First Prize, Chef's Table, Wilmington and Country Chef, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington.

Lined Up for Seconds: First Prize, Chef's Table, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Focaccia, Wilmington, Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington and Casa di Fior, Wilmington.

Lovely to Look at: Tied for First Prize, Desserts by Diane, Boford and Casa di Fior, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Focaccia, Wilmington.

Melts in Your Mouth: First Prize, Casa di Fior, Wilmington; Honor-

able Mention, Desserts by Diane, Boford.

Pasta Perfect: Tied for First Prize: Focaccia, Wilmington, and Casa di Fior, Wilmington.

Roasted to Perfection: First Prize: Casa di Fior, Wilmington.

Sauciest Sauce: First Prize: Focaccia, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Casa di Fior.

Simply Scrumptious: First Prize: Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington; Honorable Mention, Country Chef, Wilmington, Chef's Table, Wilmington and Focaccia, Wilmington.

Soul Warming Soup: Tied for First Prize: Weathervane, Tewksbury, and Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington.

Sweet Tooth Delight: Tied for First Prize: Desserts by Diane, Boford, and Focaccia, Wilmington.

Tex-Mex Stand Out: First Prize: Oscar's Pinatas, Tewksbury.

Zesty Tidbit: Tied for First Prize: Uptown Deli and Catering, Wilmington, Oscar's Pinatas, Tewksbury, and Casa di Fior, Wilmington.

Tying the evening together was DJ Mike Hartin's musical selections. He was a real "find" for us with the assistance of Tom Wright from the GSound Round.

A significant part of the financial success of the Tasting Festival is the result of the support of local companies. The main sponsor was James Mahoney from Por-Shun.

Our thanks go out to all the raffle prize donors: B&D House of Carpets of Burlington; Bella Mia Hair Salon; Boston Bruins; Boston Red Sox; Chef's Table; China Cuisine of North Reading; Collins Bowladrome of Billerica; Custom Stitch; Dunkin' Donuts; Elia's Coun-

try Store; Emma's Custom Gifts; Focaccia; Ground Round; Harvest Gift Shop; Holiday Inn of Andover/Tewksbury; Joe Barry Oil; Joe Ryan's Barber Shop; Kiwanis; Leduc's Gift Shop; Lowell Lock Monsters; Lowell Spinners; Main Street Florist; Mainstream Massage Therapy; Mark & Sandy Convery; Tom Convery; Merrimack Repertory Theatre; Moore's Staffing Service; North Shore Music Theatre; Picadilly Pub of North Reading; Play it Again Sports of North Reading; RMA Fitness; Sierra Suites of Woburn; Texann Nally; Textron Systems;

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Carol M. Golub, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
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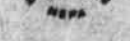
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## Letters to the Editor



**EDUCATION DONATION.** Stephen Peterson, left, and Superintendent of Schools Geraldine O'Donnell, right, accept a generous donation of \$3,000 from Barbara Hofelich, center, the Branch Manager of the Wilmington branch of the Danvers Savings Bank. The sum was donated to the Wilmington Educational Foundation. "It's wonderful to have the support of a new neighbor like Danvers Savings Bank," says Peterson, who is the president of the foundation. Hofelich has taken her bank's generosity a step further and has joined the foundation's board.

## A great way to recognize your favorite teacher and help education

Dear Editor:

Imagine, an idea that recognizes the important contribution special teachers have made in your own or your child's education; provides new educational opportunities not available through current school budgets; and saves you, a parent, time and trouble.

That's just what the Tributes to Teachers in My Past Program does!

The Wilmington Educational Foundation was established in 1995 to attract private funds for innovative and creative programs not available in these tight school budget times and to give private citizens like you the chance to have a direct impact on our town's educational system.

I am not asking you to go too far out of your way to help our Foundation help our students. Why not show appreciation to teachers you have had in your past by offering a small gift at the holiday season in their honor? Send a donation in the name of that special teacher in your past.

Your gift will be recognized by the Foundation and the teacher will be awarded a certificate in your name and in the names of other parents who join you in your appreciation.

But that's not all.

Your gift will provide the necessary funds for the Foundation to award grants to our schools for creative classroom projects. Just

send the name(s) of teachers and a donation to the Wilmington Educational Foundation, 161 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. The Foundation will notify that special teacher in time for this special holiday season of sharing appreciation, giving thanks, and remembering special people in our lives.

Stephen P. Peterson  
Chairperson

Teacher Tribute Program  
Wilmington Educational Foundation

P.S. It takes more than tax dollars and good teachers to give our children the tools they need to succeed. We need the support of parents.

## New library proposal should face vote this spring

Dear Editor:

I have attended both meetings concerning the proposal for a new Wilmington library.

Our town manager, Mr. Cairra, keeps insisting that the results of the last two Town Meetings were... an unexpected overflow of disgruntled residents and seniors against the library article. Because of poor logistical planning by the

town to accommodate so many unexpected voters, there was at least a two-hour delay before the meeting came to order. The 95-degree temperature and the many delays were too much for the seniors. Most of the seniors started leaving by 11 p.m. It was past their bedtime and also my bedtime. The final "vote count" would have been different if the voting started by

10:30 p.m. and not way after midnight.

I would like to see the "new library proposal" put on the ballot this spring, so that all of Wilmington's registered voters can participate in this very important issue.

Ernest M. Wallent D.M.D.  
Wilmington

## New town hall should be built at the Swain School

Dear Editor:

It is obvious that several Townies feel that a new public library is on the high priority list for Wilmington. I am going to start by extracting a few interesting notes made by Taryn Schaeferman and then comment on them. I will then follow up with my thoughts and suggestions.

Observation by Taryn: All attendees on both sides of the issue are very committed to doing what's in the best interests of Wilmington, both for now and the future.

My comment: I am not 100 percent sure that I believe this, but it is a good thought to keep in mind.

Observation by Taryn: The existing library building is not equipped to handle 21st Century requirements from a: (a) structural perspective; (b) size perspective (c) or systems perspective, therefore, a new library building is required.

My comment: First, we are only two percent into the 21st Century and believe me, before we get to the 25 percent of the 21st Century another library problem will develop. I remember in 1957 when I moved to Wilmington. I went to the Town Hall, which was in the Arts & Crafts building overlooking the cemetery, and asked the Town Manager (I think it was Mr. Calibrese) what was the expected future growth of Wilmington. He said "very little, we want to keep a small New England Town." Needless to say, the town population has more than doubled since then. My comment on the structural part of the building: It is very well designed and built. If it is the structural of the internal organization of the library, I have no comment.

I must say that I am not a book worm. I only go to the library several times a year, and I could always find a parking space, and I never had to go to the space on Wildwood Street. I have never seen more than 10 to 15 people in

the library, and I never had a problem satisfying my needs.

I guess the size is next, and it must be in two parts. First, more book shelves are needed, and second, more tables and chairs are needed. I will answer these later in this letter. The systems perspective, I guess, would be the availability of books or material that is not available in Wilmington's library. I do know that Wilmington has several computers and belongs to the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVL), which has a total of 35 surrounding towns. I have used this system, and it is great. You can either have the book sent to Wilmington or go pick it up yourself.

Observation by Taryn: I keep coming back to the vision of the Master Plan. The Master Plan's main theme is that development in Wilmington must result in a more community - center place. The vision of the Master Plan describes a town common where pedestrians gather and conduct the transactions of daily life. Taryn also comments that building the library on the Whitefield site is counter to that vision. I also agree and feel that the Whitefield School should be a historical school, town attraction.

Taryn says that the new library belongs on or near the Town Common. Now, I am going to move on and present my ideas to the Town of Wilmington. First, I must lay a little more ground work to help promote my suggestions. I have lived in Wilmington for over 45 years and my wife and I raised four children through the Wilmington school system. We love our town.

For many years, every place I go, if it is to a golf course, a social gathering or a family cookout, people would ask me where Wilmington is. When I tell them, many of them would say "Oh, yes, I have been there, but where is the center of Wilmington?" I always would say, "We have six

centers... the Town Hall is in an abandoned round school on Glen Road, about one or two miles from the commons, where we also have our High School, football field, library, several churches.

When I first arrived in Wilmington, the Swain High School was closed and a new (present) high school opened. Since then, the high school has been expanded. A new (present) library was built, as were several new schools, a new facilities building for the Police and Fire Departments. The DPW and Water Departments have expanded, including a high tech filtration system. The amazing part of this is that all these department workers in their new buildings work for the people in the Town Hall, which started in two broken-down, old, wooden buildings and is now in an abandoned round school. All of these people work and are paid by us; the townspeople.

What we need and deserve... is a new Town Hall at the Swain School site. This is a much higher priority than a library. A new Town Hall will benefit every Townie, while a library will cater only to the book worms and occasional in-and-outers.

Now, let's see if we can satisfy everybody else. The Swain School, Senior Center and 4th of July buildings will be demolished to make room for the new Town Hall and extra parking. The library will be moved to the Glen Road School, which would increase all space problems. The auditorium would be a bonus for lectures, showings of films or slides related to library interests.

The seniors and 4th of July members, along with other groups, will be moved to the present library site and fulfill all the 21st Century needs and be in the Center of Town. Gee, that sounds good - Center of Town.

Richard Smith  
Wilmington

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### Local students earn honors at Arlington Catholic High School

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Heather Danehy  
Elizabeth Morrissey  
Honors  
Alicia Cadigan  
Stephen Crawford  
Janelle Iaquito  
Amanda Kruse  
Jacqueline Laliberte  
Meaghan Murphy



**WARM GOODIES AFTER THE COLD.** Kevin Bustin, 8, enjoyed a hot cup of cocoa and a slice of pumpkin pie at the Congregational Church in Tewksbury after braving the cold during the annual tree-lighting ceremony that was held on the Town Common on Friday, December 6. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



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**TOYS FOR TOTS.** Thanks to the generosity of such Wilmington folks as MaryJo Pigott-Groom and Nicole Groom, who are seen here with "Mickey" Rooney, the United States Marines' Toys for Tots program is currently enjoying its most successful year to date. Many people brought toys and games and other fun things to the program's "drop off" box at the 4th of July building during the tree-lighting ceremony that was held last Saturday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

### Students make honor roll at Heath Brook School

TEWKSBURY - The administration at Tewksbury's Heath Brook School has released the honor roll for the fourth grade students for the first quarter. They include:

#### High honor

Jennifer Berian  
Christopher Campbell  
Nicole Devoe  
Angela DiLiberto  
Alexandra Locke  
Sydney Lopolito  
Julia Loschiavo  
Kelly McDougall  
Jessica Pappagianopoulos  
Jefferson Raueo  
Elizabeth Riley  
Megan Robertson  
Cassandra Shmarian  
Brittney Wallace  
Anne Whitehouse

#### Hannah Yore

#### Honor roll

Jessica Adams  
Lauren Andella  
Anthony Arcari  
Olivia Bennett  
Nicholas Bonaiuto  
Sarah Bowden  
Jennifer Buono  
Paul Cafarelli  
Nicole Crowley  
Nicole Dembkoski  
Michael Diecidue  
John DiGiorgio  
Alexis Dirk  
Derek Dooley  
Molly Fitzpatrick  
Jessica Fortier  
Alexandra Greene  
Brian Haley  
Meghan Hamilton

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Frank Mazzei  
Kevin McCauley  
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Matthew Montecalvo  
Paul Moriarty  
James Peddie  
Amanda Pietrello  
Sean Plunkett  
Makyla Silva  
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**REALTOR INDUCTED.** Sheila McDougall, left, was inducted into the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors on November 18. McDougall, who is seen here with the association's president, Elaine Hoff, received her realtor's pin. She works at RE/MAX Encore in Wilmington. (courtesy photo)

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## Wandell, Hooper fill vacancies

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restaurant, Michael's Place, and the licenses of those who could be seen as his business competitors. Forrester did likewise regarding renewal votes involving any of his properties. Cain abstained from a vote involving the Fred F. Cain property.

Town Manager Michael Cairra read into the record a letter that had been sent to him from Vincent Cameron, the Acting

General Manager of RMLD, regarding the State of the Light Department Report. According to Cairra, power company does not foresee any increase in base rates for 2003.

"In general, we seem to be moving in the right direction with Reading Light," Cairra concluded.

During a recess in the meeting, McCoy left the room, apparently to visit Santa's Workshop, which was also being held that evening at the Town Hall. Upon his

return, McCoy assured his fellow selectmen that he had convinced Santa not leave coal in their stockings.

In a public hearing, the Board granted a transfer of the All Alcohol Restaurant license currently held by 99 Boston, Inc., doing business as 99 Restaurant-Pubs, to 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC, doing business as 99 Restaurant & Pub Located at 144 Lowell Street. Paul Swymer, the General Manager of the 99

Restaurant in Wilmington, appeared before the Board to assure them that the request of transfer was made simply because of an ownership change, and that nothing about the restaurant would be altered. Positive recommendations from the Building Inspector and from the Police Chief were noted, and the transfer was granted by unanimous vote.

## ConCom offers walk through Town Forest

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Conservation Commission, will be present at the meeting to be held at the Town Hall on December 18. New trails, forest and ecological management, new parking spaces and educational opportunities will be among matters that are discussed.

"It is an opportunity for people to express their desires for the Town Forest," says Ganem. "One of the goals is to get a handle on what needs residents have for recreational use."

The forest has seen many changes, many of which go all the way back to the Ice Ages, according to Ganem. A glacial erratic, which is a large rock the size of a

car, can be found in areas of the forest, having been carried there by glaciers as many as 14,000 years ago. Just a few decades ago, in the forties, a series of fires swept across the forest and wiped out most of the trees. The species of trees present now are fairly young and have produced an early successional forest, due to the damaging fires.

"It is a great opportunity to teach children and adults about successional patterns in forests," says Ganem.

The Town Forest is located in the north part of Wilmington, between Andover and Ballardvale Streets. The span of approximately 154 acres is the largest

conservation-managed property in the town. The land was purchased in 1975 and turned over to care of custody of the Wilmington Conservation Commission in 1985. In 2000, the State Department of Environmental Management gave a fund to the Wilmington Town Forest. The Town Forest Plan is a result of the fund.

Of all the land in the town that the Commission oversees, the majority is wetlands, with the exception of the Town Forest. The forest is composed of all uplands and actually features the highest point of Wilmington. From there, you can see the bustling city of Boston, skyscrapers and all.

"It is a wonderful resource area for residents to walk dogs, observe wild and plant life, and get a good view of Boston," Ganem states.

The Wilmington Conservation Commission advises you to wear good walking shoes and park in the lot on Andover street if attending the Town Forest walk on December 14.

If the weather looks to be less than favorable, call Ganem on Friday at 978-658-8238. Any further questions about the Town Forest Plan should also be directed to her.

## A Winter Wonderland

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angels. The Wilmington High School Band stood close to the flag in the middle of the Common and played their instruments to an appreciative crowd.

There was a long line of anxious youngsters and parents, but two sets of Clydesdales were working hard to make sure that no one had to wait too long for their hayride. Minutemen were interspersed amongst the crowd, complete with old-fashioned candle lanterns adding to the appeal of the event. Friends and neighbors clutched Styrofoam cups of hot chocolate as they caught up with one another and partook in the holiday spirit.

The choir from the United Methodist Church sang carols, and Wilmington's Council of Churches recited prayers and a reading of Luke's account of the birth of Jesus Christ. An appropriate mention of December 7th's

## Selectmen apologize to Chief Nally

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the property, so, the allegations go, he was unable to appeal the permit directly.) McCoy has denied all wrongdoing. The case has been sent to the State Ethics Commission.

At the November 25 meeting, various residents in the audience called into question the methods employed by Nally during his department's investigation.

Chairman Cain concurred that an apology was in order. McCoy, however, rebutted, saying that residents had every right to have their opinion heard.

In an interview with the Town Crier, Cain said, "Blanket accusations were made in regards to the police department acting in a politically motivated way." Cain felt that Forrester's call for an apology was a criticism of Cain's handling of the situation.

"As Chairman, I allowed that to happen," Cain stated. "I accept his (Forrester's) criticism. The selectmen's meeting is open to the public, but it is not a forum for public criticism."

McCoy disagrees.

"That is an open meeting and a public meeting," McCoy told the Crier. "The residents conducted themselves well. There was no emotion, there was no yelling. The problem was that the residents there were pro-McCoy, and they (Forrester and Cain) didn't like what they had to say. The response from the public was not what they (Forrester and Cain) expected or wanted."

significance as Pearl Harbor Day was made, and representatives from the Marine Corps were present.

One of Wilmington's fire engines came rolling towards the Common with sirens going and horns blasting to announce the arrival of the guest of honor. Santa Claus himself came out of the truck while children raced across the Common to catch a glimpse of the jolly old elf.

Santa made his way to the gazebo with children fast on his heels. He led the crowd in a countdown and then flipped the switch for the lights on the tree. The crowd

looked upwards in appreciation and was bathed in the multicolored soft glow of the newly christened lights.

Santa's next stop was the 4th of July Building, where he eagerly greeted all of the children who wished to see him and made note of their Christmas wishes.

"It was fantastic. The kids loved it and we plan to do this again next year," stated Wilmington resident Laura Hardy, who attended the event with her husband Ed and their three children, Cayman, 5, Sean, 2, and Kellan, 2.

Long after the ceremony, people

drove by the Common to take in the lights and to admire the ice sculpture. Unfortunately, no one was able to appreciate the ice sculpture on December 8 as, at some point during the night, vandals apparently derived some sort of pleasure by knocking the sculpture over.

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# The family art of giving

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once we got our own business established," says Karen, who keeps a Toys for Tots box year-round in her office, just in case there is a tragedy, such as a house fire, within the community. "Growing up in a household of six kids, we didn't have much. I know what it is like, and it is not a good feeling."

Bill Robinson, of Wilmington,

Last Saturday, Santa himself made a pre-Christmas visit to West Real Estate, offering photo opportunities for children as they presented him with their toy donation. The lively office was filled with excited children, as they anticipated a seat on Santa's lap to show him that they too can give, while also throwing him some subtle hints as to what they want for

donated?

"There are all kinds of toys," says Santa's helper, a North Pole elf, who was outfitted on Saturday in red and green stockings and a matching hat. "A lot of people came in with more than one toy today."

The day on which Santa takes pictures with kids has proven a popular annual event at West Real Estate. Many families have been going to the event since its first year, while others catch positive word-of-mouth and attend for the first time.

The photo processing was donated by Brooks Pharmacy. Along with a picture with Santa, children entered a raffle to win a Christmas video and interact with other kids they sometimes see once every year at the annual event. The most important aspect of the day was that the children understand that they're helping.

"It is a forum for parents to teach their kids that it is okay to help someone in need," says Frank.

"We try to make sure they realize what they're doing," says Karen, "I get to teach my kids that Christmas is not all about receiving but giving as well. It is also an important lesson to be thankful for what you have. Also, helping others is a great feeling."

Corporal Luther and Sergeant Morales, both active duty Marines of Unit OCT1, stationed at Fort Devens in Ayer, were present to pose for pictures and collect toys on Saturday. The two Marines, though only obligated to participate in the program two times a month, instead volunteer every weekend with Toys for Tots from November 11 to December 24. Their typical weekend consists of three different fundraising events in the Middlesex and Essex counties.

So how does Santa get all those toys to all of those children? Through the Marine Corps, of course. As Santa's lit-

tle helpers, the Marines stock all of the toys in a warehouse off Lowell until the week of the 18th.

"There are a lot of toys," says Sargent Morales.

Toys are sorted by age and sex and then each children is presented with three or four toys when their families come to the warehouse between December 18 and 22.

"It is rewarding," says Corporal Luther. "The kids are so excited."

The Toys for Tots program has been around since 1947, when a major from a Marine Corps Reserve Unit collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The number of toys since the program began has risen to 285,000,000, drawing thanks, praise and support from notable American figures, the public and, of course, the families themselves.

"We receive letters through February thanking us," says Staff Sargent Chris Gibbel, also a Marine stationed at Fort Devens, who oversees the program within the Middlesex and Essex communities.

"Karen and I are thankful that we have many friends who volunteer their time to help the program," says Frank. "We are fortunate that the personalities that have come to the office over the years also volunteer their time. We are also grateful to the businesses as well as the community who have supported the program."

For those of you who want to donate a toy, you may drop it off at West Real Estate at 314 Main Street at Presidential Park in Wilmington. You can also call the Wests at 978-658-4419 and find out about more sites throughout town at which toys can be donated inside boxes that have been set aside.



A WRESTLER FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. Brutus Beefcake stopped by West Real Estate in Wilmington recently and urged fans to donate gifts to the Toys for Tots program that has been organized there. You see how big he is -- are you going to tell him no? That's Tom, Melanie and Katrina Spillane with Brutus. (Courtesy photo)

is a close friend of Frank's. He and his wife, Nancy, have been helping out since the Wests began the program.

"I do it because I enjoy it," Robinson says. "I feel that the Toys for Tots program is a good cause."

"There are so many kids out there who don't have anything," says Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, also a 6-year volunteer of the Toys for Tots program.

Christmas too.

"We've already filled one box of toys," said Santa, as he motions to the large box beside him, almost filled to the brim again.

By 2 p.m. on Saturday, more than 300 toys had already been collected. Surely, Santa had a heavy load of toys to bring home to the North Pole on his sleigh that night.

What kind of toys are donated? How many toys should be

## Peters' vision of Vacationland

FROM PAGE 1

Wyeth, Eastman Johnson and other famous Mainers. "The Art of Maine in Winter," though it starts with the famous names, goes far beyond that, introducing a large number of emerging artists.

For East Boothbay artist Andrea Peters, inclusion in the book is a milestone and an honor.

Peters and her husband Mark moved to Maine from Wilmington in 1995. For 25 years, they lived on Ferguson Road, where they raised their two daughters. About 20 years ago, they bought some land on a small cove and built a house where they summered for many years. That house is now their permanent home, and Andrea's studio.

The book, Peters said, is not just a collection of pictures, but a wonderfully written story about Maine in winter. She calls it very aesthetic, very inspirational.

Included among the artwork are quotations and comments from the artists and others. There are poems on winter and excerpts from works by several authors.

Peters has been an artist all her life, and has been doing oils

since she was 12. Her work has evolved through stages of hard-edged realism, impressionism and then . . .

"I just changed," she said.

Her style doesn't really have a name or a label.

"There's just so much joy to let it (the work) evolve and make its own statement," she added.

"I like to think I'm keeping a record of my emotional and visual response to nature," she

continued. "And the way the world is, that record is important, but it may well change."

She tries to capture the impact that the scene had on her, rather than a picture of the scene itself. But she would not paint a scene without having first been there herself.

"I strip away all the unimportant stuff," she said.

What is left is all the color. It's more of an abstract.

"I let it evolve on its own," she said. "I don't manipulate it."

Little had curated an exhibition, "Send in the Marines," at the Penobscot Museum of Art, which included some of Peters' work. Her resume is quite long, beginning with studies at the Massachusetts College of Art and the Vesper George School of Art in Boston. For the past five years, she has been exclusively represented by Gleason Fine Art in Boothbay Harbor and Camden, Maine.

Little had contacted Gleason and asked for winter pieces. When he came to the gallery and saw Peters' painting, he said, "I want that."

The work chosen, "Snow Caps," is the view of Fisherman's Island from Grimes Cove in East Boothbay, about a mile from the Peters' home. It is painted in oil on paper and gives a slightly expressionistic view of the winter scene.

## Local youths in Nutcracker

WILMINGTON - Arielle Cimenio, Brittany Cremens, Lindsey McCarthy and Christie A. Sullivan, all of Wilmington will be appearing in the Northeast Youth Ballet Company's professionally staged production of The Nutcracker during a two week Christmas holiday engagement.

The production runs from December 13 through the 22nd at the Chevalier Theater on Forest Street in Medford. A total of 175 dancers from northeastern Massachusetts

The Northeast Youth Ballet Company will be producing nine performances of The Nutcracker ballet during a two week engagement at the Chevalier Theatre.

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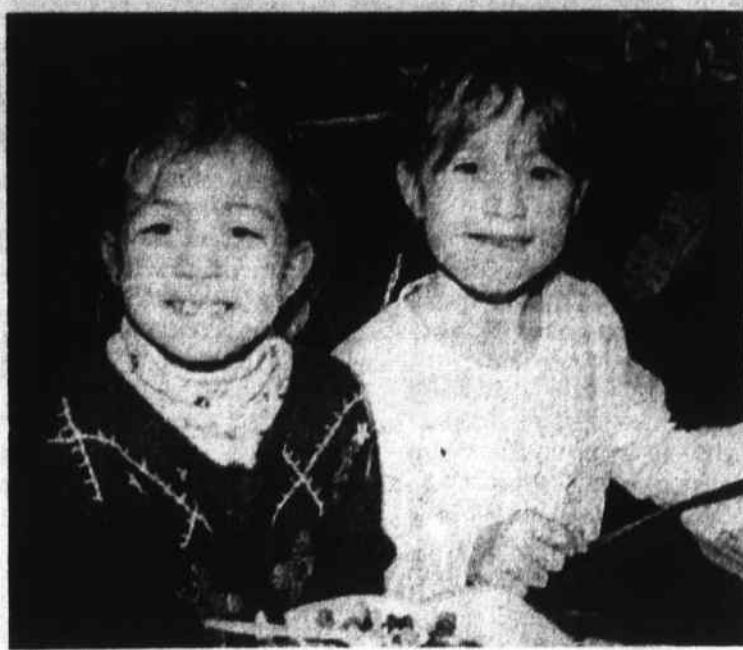
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## Celebrate New Year's Eve with the K of C

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**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA.** Looks like it was french toast and cereal for first graders Sara and Shannon Semenza when the two girls recently ate breakfast during a special visit from Santa Claus at the North Street School in Tewksbury. (Denise Blair photo)

## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Party for pre-schoolers on Dec. 17

#### Preschool Holiday Party

A festive program of wintry stories, songs, fingerplays, flannel board stories and refreshments will be hosted by the Children's Room staff for all preschoolers and their caregivers on Tuesday, December 17 at 10 a.m. No registration is required. Cookie donations are welcome and would be most appreciated.

#### Time for Twos

Time for Twos, a drop-in story time for two year-olds and their caregivers, will be held Tuesday, December 19 at 10 a.m.

#### Book Discussion

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper will be discussed on Friday, December 13 at 3:30 p.m.

#### Story Time Registration

Registration for January story times will begin on Monday, December 23.

#### Children's Room Posters

Library patrons frequently ask where the Children's Room gets its beautiful posters. Here are some sources for buying these posters.

Captain Underpants, Gandalf, Elmo, Spot, Spiderman and other posters may be found at the American Library Association (ALA) website at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org) or call 1-866-746-7252 for a catalog. Kevin Henkes' "Lily," seasonal and months of the year and other posters may be found at the Children's Book Council (CBC) website at [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org) or call 1-800-999-2160.

Two other sources of interest are the Child Graphics Company (CGC) at [www.childgraphics.com](http://www.childgraphics.com) or by calling 1-800-543-4880 and the Peaceable Kingdom Press at [www.pkpress.com](http://www.pkpress.com) or by calling 1-800-444-7778.

#### Basketball Season

It's the start of basketball season! Good luck to all our Wilmington teens who are trying out for the team! To help get the basketball season off to a jump start, Teen services Librarian Nathalie Demers invites teens to come in and check out some of the following books where basketball is central to the plot and to the lives of the teens who love the game.

#### Fiction:

On the devil's court by Clark Deuker Y PB D  
Rebound Caper by Thomas J. Dygard Y PB D  
Outside Shooter by Thomas J. Dygard Y PB D  
Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper Y PB D  
Hoop Crazy by Coach Clair Bee Y PB B  
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Night Hoops by Carl Deuker Y Deuker  
Playing Without the Ball by Rich Wallace Y Wallace  
Slam! by Walter Dean Myers Y PB M  
Hoops by Walter Dean Myers Y PB M

#### Lord of the Rings Festival

Fifteen teens and one adult attended The Lord of the Rings Festival held at the Wilmington Memorial Library December 2. Attendees got to test their knowledge of J R R Tolkien's novels by playing two rounds of Lord of the Rings Jeopardy. Many teens helped complete the Lord of the Rings mural and entered the bookmark design contest. All browsed the display of Lord of the Rings books, CD's and videos while listening to the movie soundtrack. Congratulations to Balinski, the winner of the

evening's door prize, a large color poster of Gandalf.

#### Public meeting question

One question that has been asked at both public meetings about the proposed library is the option of adding a third floor to the existing library. Here is the answer: Adding a third floor to the existing library poses both structural and operational problems. Due to seismic building code requirements for public libraries adding a third floor to the existing library would require the virtual demolition and rebuilding of the existing structural walls. This requirement would increase the construction cost.

From a library service viewpoint, three floors is less desirable than two floors. In order to provide adequate security for the staff, patrons, the collection and building resources, all floors would require staffed public service desks, increasing operational costs.

In order for the building to "work" efficiently in providing a wide range of services, the relationship between functional areas is critical. With three floors, the space may have to be divided in a way that could negatively impact service. Traffic patterns and proximity of quiet areas and noisy areas and convenience to the public may have to be compromised with a third floor design.

#### Bookends

Bookends, the library's book discussion group, met on Thursday, December 5 to discuss Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells. The book received six thumbs up and one thumbs down. The book that will be read for the January meeting is East of Eden by John Steinbeck.

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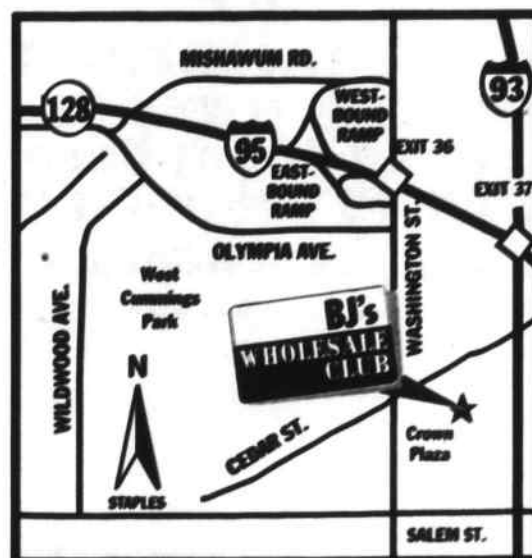
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## Wilmington Senior Menus

#### Week of December 16

Monday: Stuffed cabbage, seasoned peas and carrots, pumpernickel bread, butter, chilled pears, milk, cookies.

Tuesday: Roast beef dinner with gravy on the side, parried potato, seasoned corn, chilled mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, butter, milk, cake with frosting.

Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, butternut squash, chilled peaches, bread and butter, milk, Jello with topping.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, wheat dinner roll and butter, cranberry sauce, milk, dessert.

Friday: Chilled orange juice, onion pepper fish with tartar sauce, fluffy rice, seasoned zucchini, multi-grain bread and butter, milk, ice cream.

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## Wilmington Police Log

**Monday, November 25**  
The attempted theft of two cars outside a Main Street business was reported.

David Barrow, 63, of Andover, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle.

**Tuesday, November 26**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Lowell Street, Middlesex Avenue, Main Street, Glen Road and Clark Street.

Attempted burglaries were reported at residences on Shawshen Avenue and Ayotte Street.

**Wednesday, November 27**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Ballardvale Street, Fordham Road and Woburn Street.

A plow reportedly hit a mailbox on Gowing Road.

Jeremy White, 24, of Haverhill, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license and possessing a Class D substance.

Kelly Smith, 33, of Charlestown, was arrested on a warrant.

**Thursday, November 28**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Dorchester Street.

A burglary was reported at a business on Main Street.

Alfred Wong, 48, of Wakefield, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and operating a vehicle after dark without the use of headlights.

Michael Christie, 24, of Tewksbury, was arrested and

charged with operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license and operating an unregistered, uninsured vehicle.

**Friday, November 29**  
A mailbox at a residence on Salem Street was reportedly maliciously damaged.

Mark Faulkner, 36, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

**Saturday, November 30**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Concord Street, Federal Street, Middlesex Avenue and Glen Road.

The property at the Boutwell Street School was reportedly maliciously damaged.

Michael Stevens, 42, of Wilmont, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and possessing a Class D substance.

**Sunday, December 1**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported in the parking lot of the Town Hall.

Joseph Powers, 49, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order.

**Monday, December 2**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Ballardvale Street.

A simple assault and battery reportedly occurred on Industrial Way.

An air compressor, valued at more than \$250, was reportedly stolen from a truck that was parked on Cook Avenue.

Several items were reportedly stolen from a gravesite at Wildwood Cemetery.

Jeffrey Austin, 23, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during suspension of his license.

**Tuesday, December 3**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Woburn Street, Aldrich Road, Avalon Drive, Buckingham Road, Swain Road and Lowell Street.

In an apparent act of malicious damage, a motorist drove over the front yard of a residence on Salem Street and left tire tracks.

A motorist reportedly struck two mailboxes at residences on Park Street and left the scene.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Glen Road, Salem Street and at the junction of Routes 125 and 93.

Market Basket reportedly detained three individuals for shoplifting.

A set of license plates were reported stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the lot of Big Joe's on Main Street.

**Thursday, December 5**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Aldrich Road, Marion Street and King Street.

While using the drive-thru, a motorist reportedly damaged the building of McDonald's on Main Street and fled the scene.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Lords Court.

Tracy Fanning, 24, of Pembroke, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the

suspension of her driver's license.

**Friday, December 6**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Grove Avenue and Lowell Street, and at the on-ramp at the junction of Routes 62 and 93.

Youths reportedly attempted to gain entrance into a residence on Harris Street, with the intention of assaulting one of its occupants.

Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Church Street.

Stephen Freeman, 45, of Hampstead, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Lawrence Price, 38, of Cambridge, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license.

**Saturday, December 7**  
Two mail boxes at residences on Woburn Street were reportedly maliciously damaged.

A Christmas decoration was reportedly stolen from a residence on Dorchester Street.

Christmas decorations were reportedly stolen from two separate residences on Bruning Road.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred on Forest Street.

Steven Morrisroe, 32, of North Andover, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license.

**Sunday, December 8**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

Renee Redmond, 33, of Billerica, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of her driver's license.

**Monday, December 9**  
A hit-and-run accident reportedly occurred in the parking lot of Home Depot.

Shoplifting was reported by the management at Home Depot on Main Street.

**Thursday, December 5**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Chandler Street,

## Tewksbury Police Log

**Monday, December 2**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on East Street, Westland Drive, North Street, East Street and Astle Street.

A deer was struck by a motorist on Whipple Road.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred at a business on Main Street.

A pickup truck, a trailer, and a Bobcat were reported stolen on Woburn Street.

James McQuesten, 21, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license, operating a vehicle recklessly as to endanger and operating a vehicle while under the influence of an illegal substance.

Robert Wade, 70, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery.

**Tuesday, December 3**  
Three motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, including one that involved a hit-and-run. A motor vehicle-related accident was also reported on Andover Street.

A mailbox at a residence on Trull Road was reportedly destroyed in an act of malicious damage.

Shoplifting was reported by the management at Market Basket on Main Street.

William Holden, 20, of Reading, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Andover Street.

A hit-and-run accident reportedly occurred in the parking lot of Home Depot.

Shoplifting was reported by the management at Home Depot on Main Street.

**Thursday, December 5**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Chandler Street,

Main Street and Foster Road. A motorist struck and knocked down a telephone pole on Main Street.

Shoplifting was reported by the management at Market Basket on Main Street.

**Friday, December 6**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Whipple Road, Main Street, North Street, Salem Road and Pinnacle Street.

A hit-and-run accident on Main Street was reported.

A motorist on Patten Road collided with a telephone pole after reportedly being run off the road by another motorist.

A dealer's plate was reportedly stolen from a vehicle parked at an auto dealership on Main Street.

Shoplifting was reported by the management of Market Basket on Main Street.

Daniel MacDonald, 43, of Pelham, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license.

**Saturday, December 7**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Second Way.

Christmas decorations were reported stolen from the front yard of a residence on Pike Street.

Keith Casino, 32, of Billerica, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery and the malicious destruction of property worth more than \$250.

David Lucas, 40, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with the larceny of more than \$250 by false pretenses.

**Sunday, December 8**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Brown Street and Main Street.

The driver's side door of a vehicle parked on Vernon Street was reportedly maliciously damaged.

## WPD targets drunk drivers during winter holidays

WILMINGTON - To reduce impaired driving on our roadways, the Wilmington Police Department will join more than 260 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in the Winter Holidays Mobilization of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign.

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coming holiday season, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats. All of this effort is to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

The Click It or Ticket Campaign's Thanksgiving Mobilization helped to reduce motor vehicle-related fatalities from 10 each

during the 2000 and 2001 Thanksgiving holiday periods to three reported fatalities during this year's holiday period. Nine people died in motor vehicle crashes over the 2001 Christmas and New Year's holiday periods.

The battle to reduce drunk driving in Massachusetts got a boost last month with the enactment of a law requiring judges to consider drunk driving convictions further back than 10 years when sentencing offenders. Earlier convictions will now be taken into consideration by judges in sentencing time, with allowance being made only for second offenders with a first conviction more than 10 years ago. Between 1,600 and 18,000 people are arrested annually for impaired driving in Massachusetts. There were 120,000 drivers with one prior DUI conviction and 65,000 with two more DUI convictions in Massachusetts in 2001.



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**FESTIVAL OF TREES.** Kimberly Donoghue, 7, admired the ornaments that hung on one of the Christmas trees that were on display at the Wilmington Arts Center during last weekend's tree-lighting ceremony. The tree, on which hand-made crafts were hung, was decorated by a local troop of the Girl Scouts. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Tewksbury Senior Topics

### Santa Day will be held on December 22

**TEWKSBURY** - It is hoped that everyone enjoyed the COA Christmas dinner. We thank all those seniors and guests who donated items for the door prizes. A very special note of thanks is extended to all the ladies of the crafts class for the lovely favors passed out to all attendants. Each year our craft class, under the direction of Grace Iandolo, comes up with treasured favors for the season! Thanks again girls!

If you are attending the second COA Christmas dinner, you are reminded that the event will be held at the Elks Hall on South Street and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. As is the custom, the seating plan will be posted in the foyer and the doors will be open at approximately 5 p.m.

An activities meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, December 13. It will be held in the main hall from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Senior Center Santa Day will be held Sunday, December 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Senior citizen tickets are free while other adult tickets are \$1 and tickets for children, 50

cents. The event will include an ice cream sundae and a visit with Santa and friends. Tickets are now available at the Senior Center during the week. This is a great time to take the family along for a visit.

Our country/western line dance class is reminded that the class and Pat Dumont will have a little get-together Friday, December 13 beginning at 4:30 p.m. See you there! You are also reminded that the class will take a holiday break and will resume Thursday, January 9, 2003.

Those seniors traveling to Foxwood Monday, December 16, are reminded that the bus will leave from the Senior Center at 7 a.m. Please be sure to park along the perimeter of the parking lot so as to allow easy access for those utilizing the Center during the day. Thank you for your cooperation and good luck.

For those of you who are not going to Foxwood, a special treat is in store! Our very own "Silver Tones Band" will conduct a Christmas Concert at the Senior Center Monday, December 16. This holiday con-

cert will begin at noon. You won't want to miss this event so mark your calendars and go on down for this musical holiday celebration.

If you are traveling to the Beacon on Thursday, December 19, you are reminded to call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 to find out what time the bus leaves from the Senior Center. At present there is still room on this trip. The trip cost is \$50 and includes motor coach transportation, a hearty luncheon, Christmas entertainment and a gift for all. Please contact Carol Hazel by Friday, December 13 if you are interested in attending.

Tuesday evening yoga class will be held December 17 at its regular time. After the 17th, there will be no Tuesday or Friday classes held until January 7 and 10. However, you are encouraged to practice at home!

Those senior citizens who are involved in the MEMA program should note that a training session will be held at Area 1 on the Tewksbury Hospital grounds January 21 at 10 a.m. Please let Carol or Linda know if you will be able to attend.

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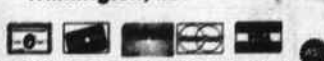
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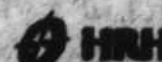
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**ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLIN'.** He only graduated from high school in 2000, and already Dan Fogg is running his own business. That would be A.A.A. Tire Company on Main Street, by the way. Fogg recently took the wheel of the family business from his father, who has turned his attention to other ventures. (Denise Blair photo)

## The service is anything but flat at A.A.A. Tire

By STACEY E. STEVENS  
WILMINGTON - Now that the recent construction along Route 38 is finally complete, everyone can breathe a sigh of relief and return to life as we knew it prior to the curbing of the manhole covers. Everyone, that is, except for the employees of A.A.A. Tire Company, Inc. To these folks, being where the rubber meets the road is all in a day's work.

The company was started in the 1980s by Wilmington resident Harry Fogg, who was inspired to set up the business after becoming familiar with the trade through an associate at a similar company on Andover Street. At first he provided straight trucking services for road fleets. In the later 1980s he purchased the company's existing facility, and in the early 1990s he expanded both the physical facility and the product line to include retail tire services. Business has continued to inflate ever since. Customers include such nationally-known corporations as Amtrak, Infauser-Busch, B & M Rail-

road, Federal Express, Edart, Lilly, and Yellow Freight Company, to name a few.

Although Mr. Fogg has for the most part branched out to another type of enterprise, his son Dan, a 2000 Wilmington High School graduate, is now at the wheel. Having worked there during summer and school vacations for as long as he can remember, the transition was a natural one for him. He can't imagine doing anything else.

"The thing that I like most about this business is the people whom we meet," comments Dan. "When employees from the above-mentioned companies are in the area and experience a problem, they come to us. When they return to their offices, they tell their fellow employees about our services, and those people bring us their vehicles, and so on. We have a good customer base; word-of-mouth is our best form of advertising."

"The thing that sets us apart from the larger retail tire corporations, such as B.F. Goodrich,

Firestone, Michelin, and NTB, where you're in and out and they don't remember who you are the next day, is that we do our best to get to know each and every one of our customers personally, and remember them when they come back for additional service. We stock our own product lines and keep our prices competitive with the larger retailers. We can order and receive in any major brand, as well as many hard-to-find brands, within one to two days. We do our best to help people on-the-spot when they come in for service; if we can't, then we try to get their cars up-and-running within a day or less. We care about our customers and what they think, and we let them know this. In a nutshell, we try to treat our customers in the same way in which we want them to treat us. That and our commitment to excellent service is what keeps them coming back."

A.A.A. recently had the opportunity to do just that for a number of people who live and work in the

area when the raised manhole covers along route 38 resulted in a number of damaged sidewalls and rims.

"Although it meant more business for us, we weren't happy about the reason for it," comments Dan. "We tried to help everyone to get the best deal that we could."

A.A.A. provides much more than retail tire services, although that constitutes the bulk of their business.

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## School Lunch Menus

### Wilmington Schools Week of December 16 Elementary

Monday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch, assorted cereals, sausage patty, chilled apple slices with cinnamon, carrot and celery sticks, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, mashed potato, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

### Extended Daycare Boutwell & Wildwood

Monday: Breakfast for lunch, assorted cereals, turkey strips, carrot and celery sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Wednesday: Mozzarella sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

oven French fries, chilled fruit, milk/juice, school made chocolate chip cookies.

Thursday: Loaded nachos, nacho chips, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa and ground beef, seasoned rice, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, cucumber and carrot circles, cheese cubes, graham crackers, milk/juice, ice cream.

### Middle School

Monday: Cheeseburger bites, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tuesday: Teriyaki chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned corn, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, snack cake.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Sal's pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

### High School

Monday: Chicken your way, grilled patty on a roll with choice

of bacon, lettuce, tomato or cheese, baked potato rounds, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Hot dog bar, hot dog and roll with choice of chili, baked beans, onion, sliced tomato, shredded cheese and condiments, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Deli bar, sub roll with choice of ham, bologna, chicken salad, turkey, cheese, tomato, onion, pickle, potato rounds, soup, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Sal's pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

### Tewksbury Schools

#### Week of December 16

Monday: Cup of Chix noodle soup, shaved steak and cheese sub, vegetable, potato sticks, milk, cup of fruit.

Tuesday: Chilled juice, loaded beef and cheese nachos with shredded lettuce, tomato cubes and onions, rice, milk, Jello.

Wednesday: Chilled orange juice, meatballs in sauce on sub roll, green beans, milk, M&M

cookie.

Thursday: Cranberry juice, turkey with gravy, mashed potato, garden peas, homemade roll, milk, holiday cake.

Friday: Orange juice, frankfurter on roll with mustard and relish, potato puffs, coleslaw, milk, applesauce.

Alternate: Alternate lunch is available daily; choice of assorted sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks and milk.

### Shawsheen Tech

#### Week of December 16

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Veal cutlet parmesan, mashed potatoes, whole baby carrots, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

Thursday: Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza (cheese or pepperoni), tossed salad, breadstick, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream treat, milk.

## Rep. Miceli's office hours

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY Representative James R. Miceli (D-Tewksbury-Wilmington) has announced that his monthly office hours for the month of December will be held on the following dates:  
Wilmington: Wednesday, December 18, 2002, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and

7:30 to 9 p.m. in the small conference room at Wilmington Town Hall.

Tewksbury: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Tewksbury Town Hall.

## Holiday hours for town hall

TEWKSBURY - The Treasurer/Collector, Assessor and Town Clerk Offices will close at 4:30 PM on Tuesday December 24 and Tues-

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## Obituaries

### John B. Dey

WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army, 83

TEWKSBURY - John B. Dey, a well known and active member of St. William's Parish, died Friday Nov. 29, 2002 at Winchester Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was the husband of Joan E. (Allard) (Martin), with whom he



had celebrated a 24th wedding anniversary this past August 11, 2002.

He was born in Partic, Glasgow, Scotland the son of the late James and Helen (Totten) Dey, and raised in Cambridge. He emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 3, attended public schools, and graduated from Cam-

bridge Rindge and Latin.

He enlisted into the U.S. Army during WWII, where he earned the rank of Tech 4th Grade Sergeant. John retired from Commonwealth Energy Corp. in 1978 after 39 years. He lived in Tewksbury since 1954, where he was a communicant of St. William's Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five daughters, Cheryl and her husband John Ring of Wilmington, Eileen and her husband William Tufts of Nashua, NH, Jean and her husband John Snook of Westford, Joan Ryan and Robert Dodd of Tewksbury, Mary L. and her husband James Stewart of Wilmington, two sons, William J. Martin III of Pelham, NH, Stephen C. Martin of California, fourteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren.

He was also the husband of the late Catherine McCarthy, brother of the late Jean Freitas and Betty Giraud and, Father-in-law to the late Patrick Ryan. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 4 in St. William's Church. Interment was in Tewksbury Cemetery.

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### Anna Low

active with many charities

WILMINGTON - Anna Low, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away on December 9, 2002, in her 93 year, after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Jim Low.

Anna with her husband, Jim, enjoyed a very full life, travelling and settling in Wilmington.

Anna was very active in numerous charities and organizations, including the A.I.M. Group, the Red Cross and St. Thomas of Villanova.

### Dorothy M. Newton

of Tewksbury; 60

TEWKSBURY - Dorothy M. (Manning) Newton, age 60, died Saturday morning, Dec. 7, 2002, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, after a 4 month battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of Richard H. Newton, with whom she had celebrated a 24th wedding anniversary this past April 14.

She was born in South Boston, June 29, 1942, and raised by her grandmother, the late Irma Manning. She lived on L Street in South Boston, until moving to Tewksbury in 1978.

She will be remembered as having devoted her life to her family.

Besides her husband, she is survived by five loving children: John "Jack" and his wife Karen Schmal of Wakefield, James V. Schmal of Wakefield, Dee Schmal of Lowell, Lori Schmal of Tewksbury, Richard "Ricky" Sears of Middleboro, 6 adoring grandchildren: Christine, Tricia, Alysandra, and Kelly Schmal, Jessica D'Amico and Tanya Nordstrom, one great grandson: Anthony Joseph D'Amico, and several cousins including William Garland of Fla., Kathleen (Garland) Zangla of Quincy, and Pat (Garland) Foley of Dorchester.

She was also mother of the late and the late Robert Schmal, who died in 1981.

### Beatrice M. Peverill, R.N.

Retired from Saint's Memorial Medical; 80

BILLERICA - Beatrice M. (James) Peverill, R.N., a well known lifelong resident of Billerica, died Friday Nov. 29, 2002 after a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of Robert D. Peverill, who died in 1992.

She was born and raised in Tewksbury, a daughter of the late George K. and Sadie (Berry) James. She graduated Tewksbury High School and graduated the Concord (NH) State Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse.

She was employed by St. John's Hospital, now Saint's Memorial, for more than 30 years.

She was active as a vacation traveler throughout her life, and had vacationed in Hawaii more than 20 times. She also enjoyed her summer retirement in Maine.

She is survived by a son and

daughter-in-law, James D. and his wife Nancy (Gurich) Peverill of Billerica, two daughters and a son-in-law, Bobbea and her husband Earl Wilcher of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and Jackie MacLachy of Pepperell, four grandchildren, Richard MacLachy of Merrimack, NH, Jennifer Gray of Hudson, NH, Shane Wilcher of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Crystal Peverill of Billerica, and two great grandchildren, Lisa Gray of Hudson, NH, and Abigail MacLachy of Merrimack, NH.

Funeral services for Mrs. Low will be held at St. Thomas Church on Saturday, December 14th, with burial following in the family lot in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale, MA.

Arrangements by Nichols Funeral Home of Wilmington.

Her funeral was Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. from the



Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or (978) 851 2950. Committal prayers will be offered Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. Visiting hours were Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701 in her memory.

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### Laura F. "Loli" Sheehan

among Wilmington's first traffic officers; many years a WHS cafeteria worker

BILLERICA - Laura F. "Loli" Sheehan, a long time resident of 26 Pines Road, Billerica, died on her 73rd birthday, December 4, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

She was the daughter of the late William A. and Laura E. Ceaser, and was the sister of the late John A. Ceaser.

Mrs. Sheehan was one of the first women traffic officers in Wilmington. She worked for many years at Wilmington High School cafeteria and for General Electric in Wilmington. She attended Matthew Memorial Primitive Church in Chelmsford; was very much loved and will be missed by all.

She is survived by a daughter Mary C. Ceaser, a son William P. Sheehan; eight brothers and sis-

ters, Joan I. Cox, Lillian Ceaser-Goodman, Albert Ceaser, Edward Ceaser, Glenda Toomey, William Ceaser, George Ceaser, Adele Strickland, many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her Godchild, Glena Toomey.

In lieu of flowers, contributions made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01801, or to friends of Animal Fund, will be appreciated.

A private graveside funeral was held. Burial was in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home of Wilmington.

### Thomas V. "Red" Smith

Retired from Sullivan Bros.; 81

TEWKSBURY - Thomas V. "Red" Smith, 81, a well known devoted Catholic layman, died Friday afternoon, Dec. 6, 2002, at Saint's Memorial Medical Center in Lowell after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Alice G. (Chandler) Smith, who died in 1962.

He was born in Lowell, November 16, 1921, a son of the late Phillip and Anna (Gillick) Smith. He was raised in Lowell and graduated Keith Academy. He had lived in Tewksbury since 1960.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII, and served in France. He was employed by Sullivan Bros. printing company in Lowell for more than 46 years. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local 139, and had served as both Shop Steward and Vice-President of Local 139.

In his earlier years, he was active in Little League in Tewksbury, and had served as President of the organization. Since retirement, he was active as a monitor at the Trahan and Dewing elementary schools. He also attended the daily 9:00 a.m. Mass at Saint William's Church.

He is survived by two sons; Thomas J. Smith and his dear friend

Anne Hiort both of Tewksbury and Brian and his wife Janice (Bagnulo) Smith of Dracut, two daughters, Mary Ann and her husband William Cliff Jr. of Tewksbury and Susan and her husband Frank Zottoli of Tewksbury, four adoring grandchildren, Nicole and Brian Smith and Alice and Anthony Zottoli, two brothers, Patrick Smith of Methuen, John Smith of Chelmsford, two sisters, Mary Curry of Chelmsford and Anna Glasheen of Lowell. He is also survived by three special children, Deirdre, Fallon and Richard Hiort of Tewksbury.

He was also brother of the late James Smith, Archbishop Phillip Smith O.M.I., Rev. Fr. Joseph Smith, M.M., Kevin Smith, William Smith and Brendan Smith.

His funeral was Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours were Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 in the funeral home. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Oblate Father's Infirmary Fund, P.O. Box 419 Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be deeply appreciated.

### John Dias

Pattern maker, master carpenter

WILMINGTON - John Dias, long time resident of Wilmington, died peacefully in Gloucester on December 5, 2002. Beloved husband of the late Marie E. (Bradley) Dias, John was born in East Boston in 1914. He and his wife moved to Wilmington to raise a family in the early 1940's. In the early 50's, the Dias family was among many that were uprooted to make way for Interstate 93, requiring their relocation to another part of town.

During World War II, he refurbished luxury ships for troop transport such as the Queen Mary and various sea going vessels from other nations and built troop barracks on Nantucket Island. For 14 years he worked as a chief pattern maker at Keystone Toy Company in Massachusetts and retired after many years of master carpentry refurbishing homes.

John is survived by his daughters Thelma M. Kelleher of Wilmington, MA, and Lorraine M. Clemente and her husband Emmett of Manchester By-The-Sea, MA; five grandchildren Cheryl Lyn Scott, William G. Landry, Jr.,

Donna M. Landry, Darlene M. Landry and David R. Landry; and five great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents Manuel and Maria; brothers Thomas, Frederick, Manuel; and, sisters Sally, Lucy, Mary and Emma.

He was well known for his quick wit, honesty, generosity, dedication to family. A protective and loving father, John will be remembered for a strong work ethic and a healthy skepticism of government.

His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington on Monday morning at 10:15 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 11:30. Interment took place in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorials in his name may be made to American Lung Association, 5 Mountain Road, P.O. Box 265, Burlington, MA 01803-0465.

For Guest Book and Directions please visit:

www.cavanaughfuneralhome.com

### Fred C. Fosgate

35 years with Bank of Boston

LYMAN, MAINE - Fred C. Fosgate, 82, of Lyman, Maine, formerly of Wilmington, MA, died December 9, 2002 at his residence in Lyman.

He was born in Worcester, MA, on April 27, 1920 the son of Fred H. and Frances

Army during WWII and The Korean Conflict.

He was employed by The Bank of Boston for 35 years before his retirement in 1965. He married Elizabeth (Reed) on May 23, 1953. They moved to Wilmington, MA in 1955. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Fosgate was a skilled woodworker who created beautiful furniture for family and friends. He enjoyed many summers on Wadleigh Pond.

He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth who died in 1995.

He is survived by a son David Fosgate and his wife Jeanette of Lyman, ME; a daughter Laurie LeBlanc and her husband Norman of Lyman; a granddaughter Zoe LeBlanc and grandson Jeffrey Fosgate.

Graveside services will be announced in the spring. Arrangements completed by Heald Funeral Home Springvale, Maine. To leave condolences for the family, read an online obituary or for more information please visit www.heidfuneral.com

### Dale Allan Romanski

class of '77 Shawsheen Tech; worked in Boston area food industry; at 43

WILMINGTON - Dale Allan Romanski, 43, of Wilmington, died December 7, 2002 at Winchester Hospital following a prolonged illness. Raised in Wilmington, he was the son of Edmund and Dolores Romanski. He lived in Wilmington and Dorchester for many years.

Mr. Romanski graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School with the Class of 1977. He worked in the food industry in the Boston area and devoted his spare time to travel in the Latin American countries.

He is survived by his parents, Edmund and Dolores Romanski of

Wilmington, originally from Wisconsin; his sister, Deborah A. Romanski and her husband the Honorable Robert J. Mellon and their children Elizabeth, Lauren and Eric of Richboro, Pennsylvania; his brother, David Romanski of Wilmington and his children, Airman First Class, Joshua Romanski, USAF and Zachary Romanski; and his devoted friend and adopted brother, Edward Sobocinski of Wilmington.

Private funeral services were held at Nichols Funeral Home on December 10, followed by burial in Wildwood Cemetery.

### Letterio "Lillo" Trimarchi

Professional Bicycle Racer in Europe

WILMINGTON - Letterio "Lillo" Trimarchi, age 89 years, of Wilmington, died Dec. 6, 2002, at his residence.

Mr. Trimarchi was born in Messina, Italy, the son of the late Anthony and the late Domenica (Solomeni) Trimarchi. He had served in the Italian Army during World War II. He was a professional bicycle racer in Europe. He had lived in Wilmington for many years.

Prior to retirement, he was employed as a Plasterer. He was also a resident of Florida for several years having been a member of the Beverly Hills, Florida Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Trimarchi is survived by his beloved wife Margaret (Oliveri) Trimarchi; his son Nino Trimarchi and his wife Donna and his daughter Maria Collins and her husband Brian all of Wilmington; 11 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Trimarchi was the father of the late Domenica "Mima" Burpee and the brother of 6 predeceased siblings.

His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wil-



ington on Monday morning at 8:15 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church at 9:30. Interment took place in the family Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorials in his name may be made to Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180. For Guest Book and Directions please visit:

www.cavanaughfuneralhome.com

### Faith Marie Whittle

of Tyngsboro at age 4

TEWKSBURY - Faith Marie Whittle, age 4, a student at the Merrimack Early Childhood Cen-

ter in Chelmsford, died unexpectedly Saturday morning at the Lowell General Hospital.

She is survived by her mother Janee Raschella of Tyngsboro, and her step father Randy Lanoue of Tyngsboro, two brothers, Randy Lanoue, Jr. and Carter Lanoue of Tyngsboro, her father, Brian Whittle of Tewksbury, maternal grandparents, Albert and Isabel (McCann) Raschella of Laconia, NH, paternal grandparents, George and Debbie (Huguenin) Whittle of Tewksbury, maternal great grandparents, George and Alice (Harvey) McCann of Somerville, and many loving relatives and friends.

Her funeral is Thursday, Dec.



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## Reading Light giving historical calendars

**READING/WILMINGTON** - The 2003 Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) historical calendars are now available and can be obtained at RMLD business office, 230 Ash Street, Reading, as well as at several locations in the four communities. This year's calendar features a pictorial history of the towns of Reading, North Reading, Lynnfield and Wilmington.

Calendars are limited and will

be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. One calendar will be given per customer family, while supplies last.

Calendars are available at the following locations: all pay stations, including Luccis Supermarket, Wilmington; Atlantic Supermarket, Reading; Karens Bakery, Lynnfield; New England Beverage, North Reading; all public libraries, senior centers, and Town Halls.

## Dog licenses available December 16

**TEWKSBURY** - Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey has reminded dog keepers that the year 2002 licenses for their dog(s) will expire Tuesday, December 31. It is that time of year when dogs (over six months of age) must be licensed. The license is valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

Fee per dog: male, female, neutered or spayed, is \$10 annually. A dog keeper applying for a license shall be obligated to pay all outstanding dog license fees relating to the past licensing period and any outstanding violation notices. A late fee of \$5 is added if the dog(s) is not licensed on or before March 15, 2003 and increases to \$25

if the dog(s) is not licensed on or before July 1, 2003. The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30.

A current rabies certificate must be presented before a dog license may be issued, unless this office has a current rabies certificate on file. For your convenience, you may prefer to license your dog by mail; provided that you include the license fee, a current rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope and mail to: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 1009 Main St., Tewksbury, MA 01876.

## Breakfast with Santa

**TEWKSBURY** - The Pines of Tewksbury will host breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

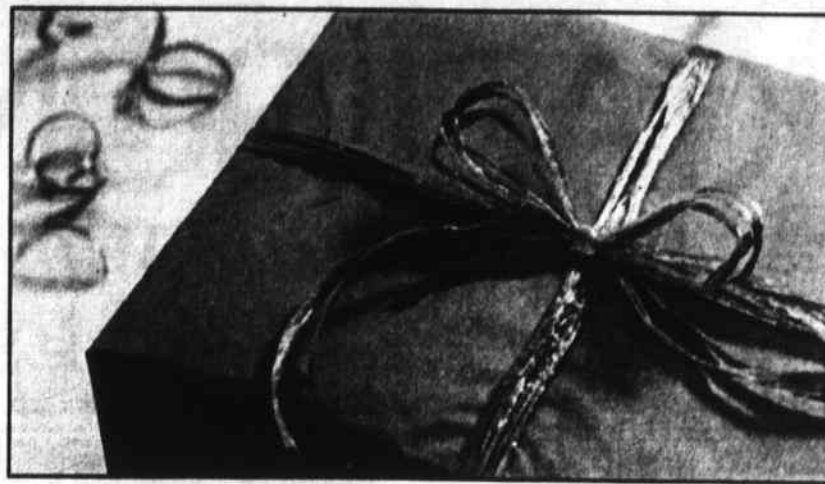
The Pines is located at 2580 Main Street, Tewksbury and children and adults of all ages are urged to be on hand to celebrate the holiday season. Call 978-657-0800.

## Local students make honor roll at St. John's Prep

**DANVERS** - Two Tewksbury students and five from Wilmington are among the 308 who have earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2002-03 school year at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers.

The Tewksbury students honored are William A. DeFerrari (headmaster's list), class of 2004 and Michael T. Cronin (honor roll), Class of 2004.

Wilmington students honored are Derek P. Concannon, and Scott M. Hanson, Class of 2005; Jonathan Dancewicz and Nicholas Figueiredo, Class of 2004 and Patrick Flanagan, Class of 2006.



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## Get in shape at the Y this winter

**READING** - The Burbank YMCA will be taking registrations for the Winter Program Session starting with drop-off, mail-in, fax or email on December 16. The session is to begin on January 6, 2003. The Burbank YMCA will be offering a wide variety of classes for people of all ages, starting as young as six months.

Starting with the Winter Session, the ever popular Pilates and Gentle Yoga will be included when you have a YMCA membership. The staff is working hard to give members a membership packed full of exciting and valuable programs.

The YMCA holds various fitness classes such as Woman-N-Weights, Adult Basketball Leagues, Adult Karate and Tai-Chi to name a few. These classes are held at different times during the week.

Returning is the popular pre-

school program Gym and Swim. This program is designed for children from six months old to kindergarten age. It is held at various times during the week. It is a progressive skill learning program in both the gym and pool.

The YMCA will have swimming lessons for children seven days a week. They are offered at different times to fit into your busy schedule.

There are also preschool gym classes for children one through six, with everything from crafts, mats and parachutes to floor hockey, basketball and karate. All are run by qualified instructors.

Their youth and teen programs for kids age six through 18 include everything from swimming and fitness programs to Youth and Government. And let us not forget their weekly dances, Nite Spot.

## Calling All Kids!

The Town Crier is asking for photos of your favorite children or grandchildren to grace the front page of the December 25th special Christmas edition.

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photos to:

**Town Crier**  
104 Lowell Street  
Wilmington, MA  
01887



Please make sure that your name, address, and child's name are clearly marked on the back of the photo so we can return them to you. There is NO CHARGE for this.

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### Wilmington - New Construction

BRAND NEW custom Colonial featuring 7 rms., 3 bdrms., 2.5 baths, walk-up attic, hrdwd flr in DR, country kit., vinyl exterior, public sewer & water, 2C garage under and situated on lovely 3/4 acre lot.

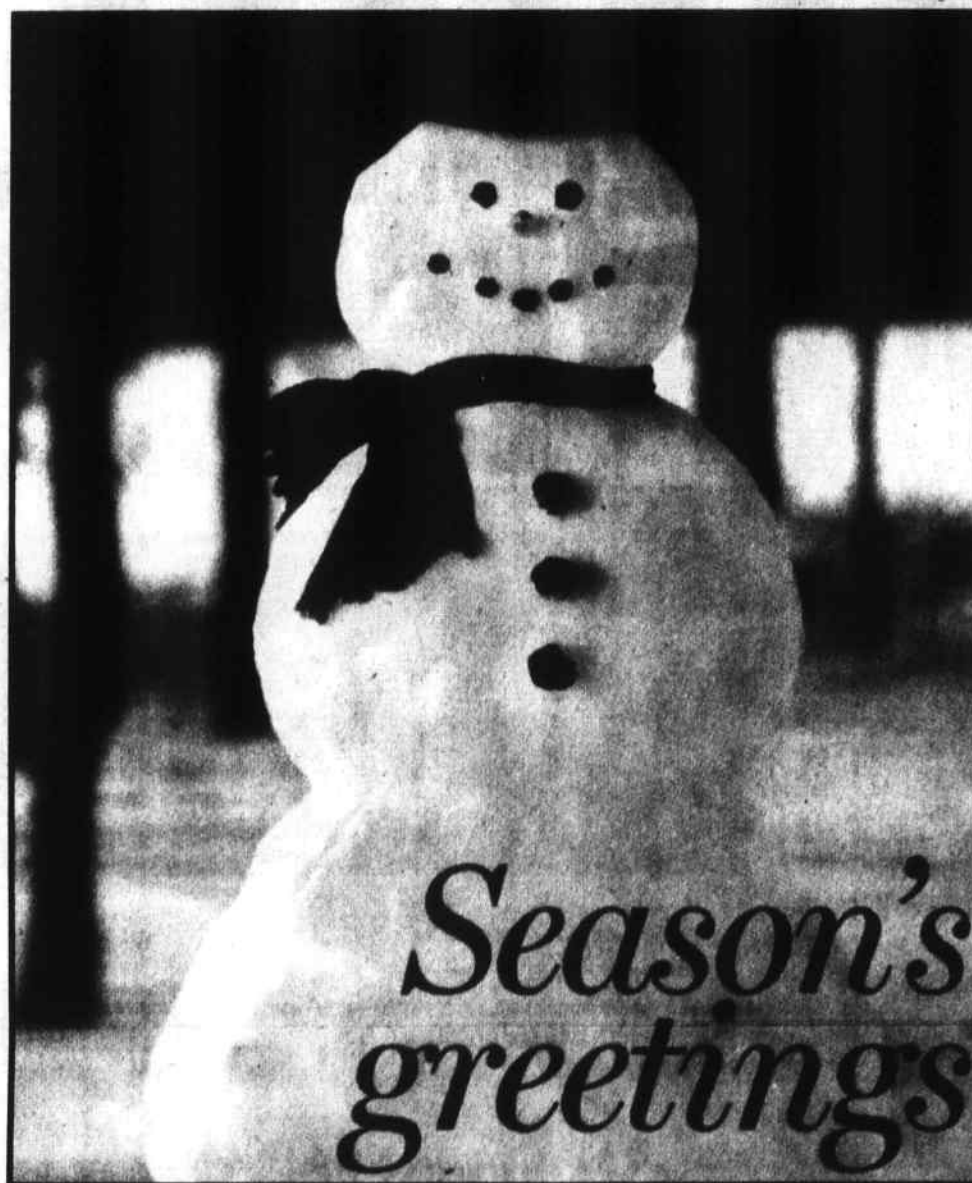
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### Tewksbury

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### Wilmington

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### Wilmington - Two Family

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### Tewksbury

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### Tewksbury

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### Tewksbury

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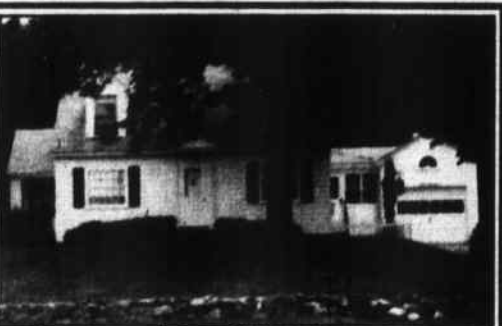
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### Tewksbury

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### Tewksbury

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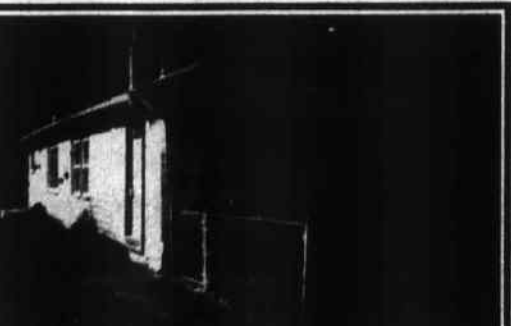
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## Wilmington Coach of the Year: Jim McCune

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

The last time Jim McCune was named the Town Crier's Coach of the Year was for the 1994-'95 season. Before that season began the team found out its best player Rich Barden was moving to Methuen. Barden was a tremendous player at MHS and later went on to play four years at Merrimack College.

Going into that season as a member of the Merrimack Valley Conference, McCune's team had just one player with real varsity experience coming back. And with five games to go, the team won four of those games against Tewksbury, Lawrence and non-leaguers with Trinity Catholic and Manchester to climb into the state tournament with a 9-9 record. That team wasn't suppose to win two games all season.

"That had to be the proudest moment of my coaching career," said McCune when he was honored for the first time by this paper, and now is honored again for the same award after his team finished 20-4 last season and made a trip to its first ever sectional final. "When we clinched to make the state tournament, it felt so great because the expectations were so low for us the entire year. No one thought we could do anything. It was the most satisfying season of coaching."

Now seven years later, McCune acknowledged just what that 1994-'95 team did, but he admitted that this past season takes the cake for his most incredible coaching season in his 14 years here at Wilmington High. The Wildcats captured their second Cape Ann League title with a record of 14-1. They ended the regular season with a 17-3 record - with all three losses against Division 2 teams. They entered the state tournament and defeated Weston, Watertown (54-51) and North Cambridge Catholic (85-80) before losing to the eventual state champions Lynn Tech, 73-57, in the program's first ever trip to the Division 3 sectional final. They ended the season with a 20-4 mark.

The team won more games than any other Wildcat team, went further than any Wildcat team, and came three wins away from winning its first ever state championship.

"Last year's team was the most skilled team I've ever had here," said McCune, before last Friday's practice. "It was the one team that I have to say that played better together than any other team I've had. How they worked together was just amazing. The kids understood how to play and so many of them exchanged their personal glory for the team win."

"Valence [Nwachukwu] could have gone to any other school and scored 30 points a game, but his concern here was to win. Everything just fell into place and how it did I can't tell you. Sometimes teams gel and sometimes they don't. This was a very, very skilled team. All the things a coach dreams about this team had."

In some ways the 94-'95 team and the '01-'02 team are similar. At the start of both seasons the optimism really wasn't there. In 1994, McCune didn't know what he was going to get. He had one pretty good player in Dan Kivlehan and then a bunch of tremendously hard working kids who wanted to play. But when the season was on the line and they needed victories, they did it by winning four of their five games (which included winning three of them on the road after losing to Central Catholic by 35 points).

And this past year, McCune said he didn't know what to expect when pre-season was beginning.

"I wasn't sure what we had," he said. "But we had three great scrimmages especially the one against Winchester. It was after that scrimmage that all of us coaches said 'hey we might have something here'. And after that, the kids just played so consistent all season. Take away the road game against Ipswich, and this team was very mature, very consistent and played extremely well all season."

### Starting out

McCune was a point guard at

Somerville High but ended up playing baseball in college. When he was 22 years old he was named the JV basketball coach at St. Clement's High School in Somerville. Two years later he was promoted to the varsity position. Five years after that in the 1987-'88 season, that team finished 20-0 before losing to Weston in the sectional final. That was the first time that program had ever been to the sectional final and McCune brought them there in his fifth year of coaching at a young age of 27.

After that season he took a season off from coaching because at the time the commute was just too much for him between his home and job. But after a year away from the game, he realized how much he missed coaching kids. The following winter, he was named the new coach at Wilmington High, replacing Dave Orndorff who had resigned.

"I wanted the job in Wilmington because it was a big challenge for me," he said back in 1995. "I wanted to coach again. I love working with kids and I love the game of basketball. Outside of my family, I eat, drink and sleep basketball. It's my passion."

After an 83-38 record at St. Clement's, McCune took his lumps early on at Wilmington. His first two teams combined for a 11-25 record. But in the 1991-'92 season, the team finished 11-9 and were bumped out in the quarterfinal round of the state tournament. The following two seasons were also successful with 13-9 and 12-8 records as the team had three straight winning seasons in the MVC.

During those years McCune instilled a passion into his players. He was known as the extremely tough coach on the sidelines who would yell and scream at his players, a take charge kind of guy. He didn't take any foolish play, he wanted his players diving on the floor for every loose ball and if they didn't, they found a place on the bench behind him. He was very demanding. If you didn't do it his way, you found a place on the bench. Throughout all of the practices and games he has coached here at Wilmington, there's not too many moments when those players didn't respond to his style of coaching.

"I don't think I'm any more demanding than any other basketball coach," he said. "I think I have the appearance of being a hard ass. But deep down when you are here six days a week with these kids you go to love them for what they do for you. We ask so much of them. We ask them to sacrifice a lot."

"We have very strong feelings for these kids," he continued. "All of them. Not just the ones who play but the ones who don't play, too. I have the same feelings for the 7-13 team than I do for the 20-4 team. I just love the way Wilmington kids battle. They give you absolutely everything they have whether they are winning or losing."

Yes that's certainly true. Wilmington kids are extremely blue collar kids who work and earn everything they get. But they need a take charge person who can teach them the game, how to be competitive, how to be hungry and how to get after it. McCune does that perfectly.

"I like him - I think he likes us," said captain Mike Jordan, with a big smile on his face. "He gets us going especially if someone is slacking. But he supports you. He's always behind you for anything. He's a friend and a guy you can talk too. He doesn't make you feel bad or he never tries to embarrass you."

"[When he gets upset] it gets all of us more focused. You know it's time to go. No more messing around - it's time to go."

### The magical season

When it comes to successful seasons, there has to be a lot of ingredients thrown into the mix for it to happen. Obviously you need a very good coach, who knows the X's and O's of the sport. The coach has to be organized, has to run practices well, has to observe talent and certainly has to know not only his team's strengths and weak-

nesses, but also the other players and teams they face.

That coach also has to put together a strong staff. McCune has a very good one. His assistant coaches Tommy Woods, Joe Maiella, Larry Keating and Jeff Arciero all bring something to the table to the program which is evident, appreciated and noteworthy. Both Keating and Arciero played for McCune and have come back to help him which certainly says a lot of what the coach meant to those players.

Now with a staff intact, now came the players to choose from. And last year the roster was easy to assemble, but at the same time very hard to contain during the season. The team had several outstanding players. Nwachukwu ended up to be the Cape Ann League MVP. Offensively he was as good as they came with outstanding dribbling and shooting skills.

Junior Craig Osgood probably would have been the MVP any other year, except he was a junior. Not only did he have outstanding ball handling and shooting capabilities, but he could rebound and throughout the season his defense dramatically improved.

Pat Taylor was the 6-foot-5 power forward who was the team's inside game. He too became a much rounded player as the season progressed. Senior Dave Aronofsky didn't grab the headlines, but certainly was a huge piece to the puzzle with his intelligent play, heads up passes and overall hustle.

Then there's Jordan. Known for his offense and perimeter shooting, McCune asked him to change his role during the season. The team asked Jordan to become the defensive stopper - sticking onto the opponents' best player. Time after time Jordan did that; especially in the state tournament as his defense allowed his teammates to do what they did best which was score points in a hurry.

Last year's team also had a strong supporting cast. McCune knew all along it would be hard to get everyone in the line-up as much as possible, but with any coach that's an impossible task. But between the coaches and the players, the team really stuck together as a unit for the entire season.

"That's the key," he said. "If the entire team can play together. A coach can only tell them so many things. Yeah the coaches put the ideas together but it's up to the players to make the season. Those kids deserve the credit. They made the personal sacrifices for the team. They were very coachable kids and they played with no fear."

Several aspects of McCune's coaching style which stands out from many other coaches is his preparation and adjustments. He knows the ins-and-outs of every program. He spends a tremendous amount of time scouting other teams. And then when Wilmington plays those teams, he adjusts very well throughout the game so his players can be more successful. Take for instance the state tournament games.

After Wilmington avenged its previous few state tournament losses to Weston with a first round state tournament win, they hosted Watertown, who two years before that blew them away in the quarterfinal round. Wilmington was known for its offensive powers all season long but in that game it was the defense who shut down several outstanding Watertown players. That win ended "the curse" as the 'Cats finally got past the quarterfinal round. But that was the game that really gave the program the boost it has now.

"I think that was the stepping stone for the program," said McCune. "We stopped their point guard, we finally got past the quarterfinal round and we played in front of a packed house at home. I think that win caterpolled us to the upper echelon or programs [around the state]."

It certainly did. But the next victory is one that will forever be instilled into the minds of the coaches, players and fans.

Wilmington took on an extremely talented North Cambridge



**A GREAT STAFF!** Wilmington High boys' basketball coach Jim McCune (middle) has been named the Town Crier's Coach of the Year for the second time since the award was given out beginning in 1994. McCune said the team would have never won the league title or gone to the sectional final without the help of his assistant coaches from left to right: Larry Keating, Jeff Arciero, McCune, Tommy Woods and Joe Maiella. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Catholic squad. During the season they had defeated Andover and Central Catholic, two powerful and very good teams from the Merrimack Valley Conference. NCC was legit. They had the outside game, they had the inside game and they were quick. Wilmington had all of that and more.

Trailing by a dozen points at halftime after watching NCC shoot over 70 percent from the floor including double digit treys, Wilmington totally outplayed them in the second half on its way to a very exciting, 85-80, come from behind win at Wakefield High.

Wilmington had played a zone defense for 95 percent of the season but at halftime they changed it up and went man-to-man. That's called adjusting. And then it's called ar-

guably one of the biggest upsets of last year's tournament.

"When Tiger Woods wins [pro golf tournaments] he says he brings his 'A' game and I think that's exactly what we did that game," said McCune. "That was an effort I've never seen before by our players. That level of play certainly would be very hard to duplicate. It's certainly the greatest win we've had here in 14 years. We flat out beat them. They didn't lose that game. We beat them."

After that came the sectional final against Lynn Tech, the same team which bounced them out from the tournament the season before. Wilmington didn't play their best game, but Lynn Tech was that much better. They were bigger,

they were quicker and their depth was unmatched. But Wilmington climbed back into the game several times as they never quit.

And as this season is about to begin, McCune knows that getting back to that point will be extremely difficult. But like any good coach he knows that if the work ethic and attitude is the same, certainly the possibilities are there too.

"The league is important," he said. "To win big games and league titles is very important. But to us the state tournament is bigger. We expect to be in it every year because we think our program is good enough to be in it every year. We're going to find a way to [bring home a state title sometime] and we're not going to give up."

Speaking like a truly great coach. And that Jim McCune is.

## Town Crier Coach of the Year: 2002: Jim McCune, Boys' Basketball

2001: Mike Pimental, Wrestling

2000: Steve Scanlon, Ice Hockey + Boys' Soccer

1999: Steve Scanlon, Ice Hockey

1998: Dick Scanlon, Boys' Soccer

1997: Dick Scanlon, Baseball + Boys' Soccer

1996: Bob Almeida, Football

1995: Jim McCune, Boys' Basketball

1994: Paul Lyman, Softball

**Coach of the 90's decade:**  
**Paul Lyman, Softball**

## Next week's issue: Female Athlete of the Year



## FROM THE PRESS BOX

# Scheduling stinks, but winter season is here

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

It seems absolutely ridiculous to me that just five days after the high school football seasons officially came to an end with the super bowl games, that the high school basketball season opens with its first game this Friday night.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has to do something to fix this problem in the near future. I feel that it's totally unfair for a student-athlete to play his third football game in 10 days, and then five days after that try to gear up for a basketball, hockey or wrestling match. It's too much.

I believe that the football season should start a week earlier and then the winter sports season should start a week later. If basketball games officially began the week of Christmas with a tournament, and then league games started up after the New Year, I think it would be a lot better. That way coaches can prepare more and better for their seasons, athletes can enjoy some time off and perhaps can save some wear and tear on themselves, and fans and sportswriters can take a little break they need as well.

I just think this is unfair for the kids. Take for example a junior on a football team. He's a decent player who gets into a handful of plays during a game, but really isn't a star but loves sports and plays them year round. After playing on Thanksgiving morning, and following that up with two playoff games giving him three games in 10 days, Johnny Smith now has five days to prepare to make the basketball team. For a decent athlete, the extra week could make or break him on the court. The one less week could really hurt his chances of more playing time in my opinion.

Something has to be done. But before it will get done, the Wilmington High winter sports team begin their play starting on Friday. Here's a look at how I think they will finish:

#### Boys Basketball

I remember last year at this time thinking the team was going to be very good, but I didn't think they would fall three wins shy of a state championship. They finished with 20 wins, including three exciting ones in the state tournament. Can they repeat that this season?

No I don't think they will manage 20 wins. No, I don't think they will score 80 points like they did in several games. But yes, this team has a lot of talent, has some great kids who are motivated to keep up the winning tradition.

I've always been a big fan of Mike Jordan and the way he plays. I really think he's going to have a big season. Pat Taylor is solid down underneath and with the much improved 6-foot-8 center Zach Mitzan, both big guys should be getting between 30-40 points and rebounds a game. Add that to the 15 points Jordan gets and that's 50 points right there.

The questions for the team remain of who else will step up? They need several of the other starters to be productive, as well as a couple of guys to come off the bench and give support. And then there's defense. If they can be respectable in that area, I feel that there's no reason why this team can't accomplish a lot.

Prediction: 14-6.

#### Girls Basketball

It's always refreshing to see a new coach come in. You get to see different ideas, philosophies and of course it's a different voice for some funny quotes. There's no doubt that AL Duffett can coach. He's been very successful at Westford Academy. He's very tough and demanding. So the key to me is if he can keep a team that

has won 9 combined games in the past two years focused all season long since after all there's they are stuck in a valley.

Duffett has some pretty good athletic guards in Lauren Rappoli and Lani Cabral-Pini, and two forwards with decent height in Keri Gillespie and Danielle Spry. That should be enough right there to get the team five or six wins against the weaker sisters of the league. But if some players emerge off the bench, this team could be a surprise and collect 8 to 12 wins.

I think the fate of the team will be determined by the girls' attitudes and motivation. If things get rough at the beginning, the character will be tested. If they respond they can do OK. If they don't respond it could be another 5-15 season.

The last few years the team's shooting has been very lackluster. Duffett said that's really not a big concern right now, rather he thinks playing good defense, hitting lay-ups and connecting on free throws is his concern. That's a great way to start. If they get those three areas down pat, that's another victory or two.

Prediction: 10-10.

#### Boys Hockey

Over the years of covering this team there's not much that I haven't seen. I witnessed six league titles, a sectional appearance at Boston University, many terrific games and certainly some of the better hockey players to ever go through this program.

Last year's team registered 16 wins but it was a long road. It was obvious that the team struggled to play together despite all of the individual talent they had. Today this team is younger, has great spirit and coach Steve Scanlon said the attitudes are just what he's been looking for. I think this could be a totally different team that we are used to, but at the same time the potential for this team over the next few years is very promising.

To be honest there's a lot of names on the team that I'm familiar with. But by going with what Coach Scanlon has said, certainly there's some talent on this year's team. It doesn't seem like there's some overpowering teams in the league either, so that will help out the 'Cats. Add to that two decent goalies and the prospect of making it 9 winning seasons in a row certainly seems like a reachable goal.

The key for the team will be playing three zones of hockey. Over the last few years Wilmington has relied on running teams in the ground because of their speed, size and depth. This year's team isn't quite like that. They are going to have to be scrappy all over the ice, especially defensively. If they can hold their own in that area, this team will find ways to put the puck in the net.

Prediction: 11-7-4.

#### Girls Hockey

Wins and records don't really mean much for this program. Well to me they shouldn't. This is the third year of existence for girls hockey and over the course of two years it has made significant progress. Head coach Joe McMahan believes that the progress has elevated to a few more levels during the pre-season.

The team has just one senior on it, as most of it is comprised of freshmen and sophomores while two eighth graders have joined. The program just has to continue to grow with more participation, more ice time, and sustaining a better feeder program. The wins and losses don't matter right now. It's about establishing something, keeping it going and sticking with it as best as possible. So far the girls have done that.

#### Wrestling

When I attended WHS, the wres-

ting program didn't have many kids involved, didn't win many meets and usually had one or two good individual wrestlers but lacked depth. Nowadays, wrestling continues to explode in this town. Head coach Mike Pimental is in his eighth year and has produced four different state champions, as well as back-to-back second place finishes in the Cape Ann League.

This year's team returns state champion Derek Hanley, while kids like Roman Walsh and Jordan Weiner certainly could make some noise come tournament time. Pimental's approach to the sport is nothing short of amazing. He works them so hard and prepares them so well, it's hard to imagine this team not having 12 or 13 victories again. If some of the younger wrestlers step up and fill some voids in the lower weight classes, this team could be very interesting.

Prediction: 14-6.

#### Boys and Girls Track

Indoor track is very difficult to cover. All the meets are away at Lynn Tech or places like that at strange times. The team doesn't have any practice facilities, except an hour in the gym or running in the halls. That alone is what makes track so interesting.

Because of the difficulty of covering a lot of the meets, I don't know as much as I should with both teams. I know the boys' team has some pretty good talent with Jason Gustin, Dan Vassallo and Steve Berry to mention a few, while, the girls have Michelle Brush and Michaela Rufo leading the way. I have noticed some pretty good athletic underclassmen on both teams.

I'm not going to predict records for either team because I'm not sure about the other teams either in the league of what they have or don't have back. But any track team needs perhaps 7 or 8 athletes to score in multiple events to have a chance at a successful season. If that can happen both teams can probably have 6 or 7 wins. If just two or three players consistently score, it'll be more of a three or four win season.

## Hoop shoot-out, Dec. 19

A Hoop Shoot sponsored by Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks will be held December 19 at Wilmington High School, 159 Church Street. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Categories: Boys 8-9, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 10-11 1st, 2, 3rd; 12-13, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Girls 8-9, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 10-11, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 12-13, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

## Brothers named all-scholastics

David and Kevin Velardo, a senior and sophomore, respectively at Wilmington High School, were named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic squad.

David, a captain, had another outstanding season helping the team keep its three-year unbeaten streak together and capture its third straight Cape Ann League title.

Kevin also had quite the impressive showing which included being crowned the top medalist at the Division 3 sectional meet, and tied for second as the top medalist at the Division 3 state meet.

Both of them were instrumental in the team's second place finish at the state meet.

## - JAMIE POTE - Deschenes baseball camp

LOWELL - Marc Deschenes Vacation Baseball Camp (formerly UMass Lowell and Cleveland Indians) Monday December 30, Tuesday December 31, Thursday January 2 and Friday, January 3 - Session one for ages eight (advanced), nine and 10 at 10 a.m.; Session two for ages nine (advanced), 10 and 11 at noon; session three for ages 10 (advanced) 11 and 12 at 2 p.m.; four classes in each session with eight hours of baseball hitting, fielding and pitching instruction. Class size is limited - 5th floor, Lawrence MA 01840. Tel 978-685-3333. For directions and to print a registration form see: [homerunpark.com](http://homerunpark.com).

# WHERE'S THE ACTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

TEWKSBURY JV HOCKEY AT CHELMSFORD 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

SHAWSHOEN JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL VS LOWELL CATHOLIC 3:30/4:45 PM

SHAWSHOEN SWIMMING AT MINUTEMAN 3:30 PM

WILMINGTON FR BOYS BASKETBALL AT TRITON 3:30 PM

TEWKSBURY FR GIRLS BASKETBALL AT ANDOVER 3:30 PM

WILMINGTON FR GIRLS BASKETBALL VS TRITON 4:00 PM

TEWKSBURY FR BOYS BASKETBALL AT ANDOVER 4:45 PM

TEWKSBURY JV HOCKEY AT LOWELL 5:00 PM

WILMINGTON JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT TRITON 5:30/7 PM

WILMINGTON JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS TRITON 5:30/7 PM

TEWKSBURY JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT ANDOVER 6:7:30 PM

TEWKSBURY JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS ANDOVER 6:7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

SHAWSHOEN FR BOYS BASKETBALL VS CHELSEA 5:00 PM

WILMINGTON WRESTLING AT QUABBIN 10:00 AM

WILMINGTON B/G TRACK VS TRITON AT LYNN TECH 1:30 PM

WILMINGTON V BOYS HOCKEY VS NEWBURYPORT 2:30 PM

SHAWSHOEN V BOYS HOCKEY AT PENTUCKET 6:00 PM

WILMINGTON V GIRLS HOCKEY AT BILLERICA 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

WILMINGTON FR BOYS BASKETBALL AT MANCHESTER 3:30 PM

SHAWSHOEN JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT NORTH SHORE 3:30/4:45 PM

SHAWSHOEN JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS PMA 3:30/4:45 PM

WILMINGTON FR GIRLS BASKETBALL VS MANCHESTER 4:00 PM

TEWKSBURY FR GIRLS BASKETBALL VS METHUEN 4:00 PM

TEWKSBURY FR BOYS BASKETBALL VS METHUEN 4:00 PM

TEWKSBURY JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 6:7:30 PM

TEWKSBURY JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL VS METHUEN 6:7:30 PM

WILMINGTON JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT MANCHESTER 6:7:30 PM

WILMINGTON JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS MANCHESTER 6:7:30 PM

TEWKSBURY JV HOCKEY AT HAVERHILL TBA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

SHAWSHOEN SWIMMING AT GR. LAWRENCE 3:30 PM

WILMINGTON B/G TRACK AT IPSWICH 3:30 PM

TEWKSBURY B TRACK VS LOWELL AT ANDOVER 3:30 PM

TEWKSBURY G TRACK VS NDA AT ANDOVER 3:30 PM

TEWKSBURY WRESTLING VS BILLERICA 6:00 PM

TEWKSBURY V HOCKEY VS TYNGSBORO 6:00 PM

WILMINGTON V GIRLS HOCKEY AT ANDOVER 6:10 PM

WILMINGTON WRESTLING VS HAMILTON-WENHAM 6:30 PM

SHAWSHOEN WRESTLING VS CHELMSFORD 7:00 PM

WILMINGTON V BOYS HOCKEY VS AMESBURY 7:30 PM

## CAL All-Conference football selections

### All League Football Team 2002 Offense

Position	Name	School	YOG	Hgt/Wgt
OL	John Flynn	Hamilton Wenham	Sr.	6'2" 205
Receiver	Nick Rose	Hamilton Wenham	Sr.	6'1" 195
OL	Trevor Mattera	Ipswich	Sr.	6'1" 195
All Purpose	Rick Sotiropoulos	Ipswich	Sr.	5'10" 185
OL	Joe Gerhet	Lynnfield	Sr.	6'1" 215
QB	John Regan	Newburyport	Sr.	6'1" 200
RB	Ken Adams	Newburyport	Sr.	5'11" 185
RB	Jason Fish	Pentucket	Jr.	5'9" 175
OL	Shawn McGuire	Pentucket	Sr.	6' 220
RB	John Magnifico	Triton	Sr.	5'9" 175
Receiver	Adam Burke	Triton	Sr.	6'185
RB	Derek Hanley	Wilmington	Sr.	5'8" 155
OL	Phil O'Brien	Wilmington	Sr.	6' 230

Player of the Year - Nick Rose, Hamilton Wenham


Coach of the Year - Bob Weiahold, Hamilton Wenham

### Defense

Position	Name	School	YOG	Hgt/Wgt
DB	Ryan Herrick	Hamilton Wenham	Jr.	5'7" 155
DL	Rick Logan	Ipswich	Sr.	6'2" 235
LB	George Abele	Ipswich	Sr.	6' 215
LB	Matt Talis	Lynnfield	Sr.	6' 190
DB	Chris Bryant	Lynnfield	Sr.	5'7" 150
DB	Pat Turner	N. Andover	Sr.	5'10" 170
DB	Matt Rock	N. Andover	Sr.	5'8" 170
DB	John Murphy	N. Reading	Sr.	5'10" 170
LB	Gary Twombly	Newburyport	Sr.	5'10" 170
DL	Mike Bianchi	Pentucket	Sr.	6' 217
DL	Josh McAuliffe	Pentucket	Sr.	6'1" 202
DL	Bob Harrington	Wilmington	Jr.	6' 225

### Honorable Mention

Name	School	YOG	Position
Arin Jordan	Amesbury	2003	End
Matt Clark	Amesbury	2003	Tackle
Jeff Jensen	Hamilton Wenham	2004	Quarterback
Andrew Painchaud	Hamilton Wenham	2003	End
Chris Sousa	Hamilton Wenham	2003	Back
Mike Chandler	Hamilton Wenham	2004	Guard
Peter Hinkley	Ipswich	2003	Tight End
Jared Polansky	Lynnfield	2003	Fullback
Sean Reed	Lynnfield	2004	Tackle
David Kelsen	Masconomet	2004	Linebacker
Drew Carey	Masconomet	2005	Quarterback/DB
Drey Guyl	Masconomet	2003	RB/LB
Kevin Spencer	Masconomet	2004	Tackle
Greg Whitney	Newburyport	2003	Lineman
John Giglio	Newburyport	2003	Lineman
Chris Pybus	No. Andover	2003	End
Greg Cecchini	No. Reading	2003	Tackle
Matt Reed	No. Reading	2003	End
Mike Sherwood	No. Reading	2003	Guard
Adam Keyser	Pentucket	2003	Tackle
Drew Vetere	Pentucket	2003	Linebacker
Kevin LaFrance	Pentucket	2003	End
Kurt Hood	Pentucket	2003	Guard
Matt McCormish	Pentucket	2004	Halfback
Sam Williams	Pentucket	2003	Center
Scott Wilkes	Pentucket	2003	Quarterback
Kyle Romano	Triton	2004	Fullback/Linebacker
Charlie Lojek	Wilmington	2004	Tackle
Dereck Downs	Wilmington	2003	Tight End
Joe Herra	Wilmington	2006	Quarterback
Sean Godding	Wilmington	2004	Running Back



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## WHS Boys' Hockey

Team preview

## They have the same goals

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

With six league titles in the past seven years and four straight 15 plus win seasons, there's not much more than can be said about how successful the Wilmington High ice hockey program has been over the years.

The faces and the ages of the players have changed for this season, but still even though the roster right now is extremely young, head coach Steve Scanlon is just as excited for the season which gets underway with a home contest Saturday afternoon against arch rival Newburyport beginning at 2:30 at Ristuccia Exposition Center.

"We are young," said Scanlon, after Monday afternoon's practice. "We graduated a lot of talent but we also graduated a lot of egos and internal stuff. It's going to be refreshing to be coaching young kids who want to learn and who don't have all of the answers just yet. We are the four time league champs and the word out is that we are all done. Now everyone is lining up to get us. But so far so good - I like what I've seen. I think we have a real receptive group and I really think we are going to surprise some people."

The 'Cats are coming off a 16-6-1 record but that included a surprising loss in the first round of the state tournament to Salem, which had never qualified for the tournament in 50 plus seasons, while the 'Cats have gone eight straight seasons. While the 'Cats lost just about two forward lines of experience and a couple of solid defensemen, this year's team has just two senior forwards in its top three lines, and one senior defenseman. After that the rest of the line-up consists of six kids from the JV team, four freshmen, a sophomore transfer and five holdovers from last year including one who was injured all season.

This year's team has just four seniors with two of them having varsity experience. Goalie Paul Sferazza returns for his third year in the net. He is one the captains along with Jon Fish and Greg Buck. Fish was out all of last season when he suffered a very serious stomach injury during pre-season. Scanlon said he is back healthy, and has put on about 15 pounds of muscle and looks very good so far. Buck returns on the blue line and he was a steady player last year.



**DROP THE PUCK!** The Wilmington High ice hockey team will try to make it five straight league titles when it begins play Saturday against Newburyport. This year's team will be led by tri-captains from left, Greg Buck, Paul Sferazza and Jon Fish. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Bobby McIver is the fourth senior and he played sparingly last year and will look to crack the line-up.

"We're going to make our share of rookie mistakes," said Scanlon. "But I like what I see so far. We've had four scrimmages and we won three of them."

As of Monday, Scanlon said his forward lines were pretty much set but could still see some changes before Saturday's game. The first three are all Charlestown natives who have moved to Wilmington over the last handful of years. Freshman center Tony Resendes will have sophomores Ed Tucker and Zack Wilkins as his wingers. Tucker played a regular shift last year, and Wilkins is a transfer from Malden Catholic.

"All three of them are young, but they are good," said Scanlon. "They all have good hands, and good hockey sense. Tony is a very talented player. Zack has quick hands and can zip the puck in from anywhere. And Ed likes to use his body."

Fish will play the left side on the second line most likely with freshman Stephen Stokes and junior Mark Pickett, who is up from the JV team.

"That's a hustling line," said Scanlon. "They are the lunchpale line."

McIver along with sophomore Jay Surianello and freshman George Dighton make up the third line.

"Bob has a lot of speed but he's missed a lot of pre-season so far," said Scanlon. "Jay has quick hands and a big body, and Dighton also likes to check."

The team's defense could be a big surprise. Buck is back and he is steady. He'll play along with

sophomore Ray Bennett, who also likes the physical game. Juniors Derek Montalto and Kevin Tobin will be the second pair, and Scanlon said the latter has improved a lot. Junior Dan Delrossi and freshman Scott Dinnett are the third blue line trio.

"Dinnett is huge," said Scanlon. "He's six-foot-1 as a 14-year-old freshman. He's a strong kid who has great upside. He has a real good shot, too."

Sferazza and Andrew Berian shared the goalie duties last year and will most likely do that again this season. Both of them are very steady, but not flashy. This year with a younger defensive group in front of them, they will most likely see more shots, and both of them are very strong on the first initial shot.

Junior Dave DeMango, a second line power forward from last year, has also made the team but he's injured. He had multiple injuries during the football season, mostly with his arm, and his return could be sometime soon. He's a very big, physical kid who can throw his weight around and score some goals. His presence back could really be a big lift for the program.

As for the Cape Ann League, Scanlon believes it's as competitively balanced as it's ever been. He thinks Amesbury and Newburyport are the stronger teams on paper, with Wilmington, Triton, Lynnfield, North Reading, North Andover and Pentucket right in the mix.

"We're still licking our wounds from last year's exit [to Salem] from the first round [of the state tournament]," said Scanlon. "So we're going to have to take it one game at a time and see what hap-

WHS BOYS HOCKEY  
NOTABLES

Head coach: Steve Scanlon (12th season)

Assistant coaches: Chip Bruce, Jason Dango and Ryan Haubner

Captains: Paul Sferazza, Jon Fish and Greg Buck

Season and home opener: Saturday, December 14th vs Newburyport at 2:30 PM

Home Arena: Ristuccia Exposition Center in Wilmington

Last year: Wilmington finished the regular season at 16-5-1 and captured its fourth straight Cape Ann League title and sixth championship in seven years since arriving into the league. The Wildcats qualified for the state tournament for the eighth straight season and lost to Salem in the first round in overtime.

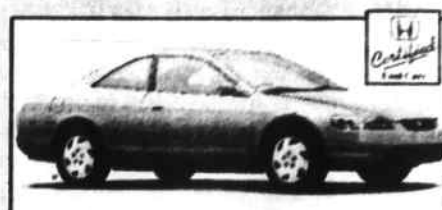
Notables: The 'Cats have built quite the dynasty with six league titles in seven years, as well as four straight 15 win seasons. They have qualified for the tournament eight straight seasons. Two years ago they lost to the eventual state champion Danvers, and the year before that they lost to Saugus in the Division 2 North Final played at Boston University... Wilmington also had quite the family connection this season. The program has three sets of brothers between the varsity and JV teams, while varsity members Greg Buck, Derek Montalto, Ray Bennett and Andrew Berian all had brothers go through the program... Former players Jason Dango and Ryan Haubner are on as volunteer assistant coaches. Dango returns once again as the goalie coach, and Haubner, also a former captain, returns after playing four years at Western New England College. At WHS, Haubner is one of rare players who have reached over 100 career points... Wilmington's first line of Tony Resendes, Ed Tucker and Zack Wilkins have been named the "Townie line" because all three of them are originally from Charlestown... Wilmington has non-league games with Nauset (two) and Tewksbury, while they will also participate in the annual Newburyport and Haverhill tournaments.

Compiled by Jamie Pote

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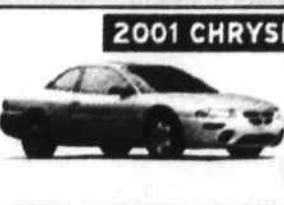


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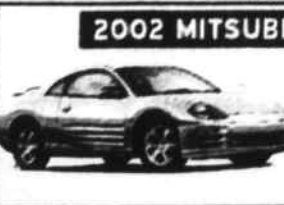
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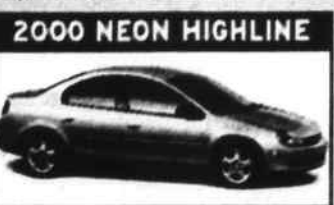
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**JUMPING INTO THE SEASON!** The Wilmington High girls' indoor track team will get underway this week with their season behind co-captains Michelle Brush (left) and Michaela Rufo (right). (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## Girls' Track team leaping to new records

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH  
Sports Correspondent

After coaching the Wilmington Girls' Indoor Track Team to a record of 4-6 in her first year on the job last year, Meghan Donahue has one major goal for her team

this year: Finish the season with a winning record.

"It's our team goal," said Donahue who admits that last year was really about rebuilding.

Although this year's team is still fairly young, being primarily

composed of freshmen and sophomores, Donahue hopes that the team will continue to build and improve on last season's experiences.

"We didn't have any major

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## WHS Boys' Basketball preview

## Sectional finalists hungry for the net

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Last season was one they'll never forget. It's one that will be with them for the rest of their entire lives. The Wilmington High boys' basketball team finished with the best season any team in school history had. They finished with a 20-4 record and a Cape Ann League championship, they won three state tournament games, and were three wins away from its first ever state championship after Lynn Tech bumped them off in the sectional final.

But today is today. There is no more yesterday. On Friday night, head coach Jim McCune will stroll out a different team when his 'Cats travel to Triton Regional for the season opener beginning at 7:00 pm. Although this year's team might not be as offensively gifted as last year's, the 12-man group who have made this year's team are still very talented and certainly can continue the long tradition of success that this program has had since McCune's arrival 14 years ago.

"This year will be a little different than what people are accustomed of seeing," said McCune, before last Friday's practice. "Last year we had some terrific ball handlers and great perimeter shooting. This year we're going to be working the ball inside out with two big guys Pat Taylor and Zach Mitzan and then we have a terrific shooting guard in Mike Jordan. We're going to emphasize getting the ball inside."

McCune believes that this year's team could have three Cape Ann League all-conference players. Co-captains Taylor and Jordan are coming off terrific seasons and the coach thinks they are shoe-ins for the votes. Taylor, a 6-foot-5, power forward was immense in the playoffs last year. In the opening victory against Weston he poured in 24 points and 12 re-

bounds and followed that up with nearly identical numbers in the second round win against Watertown. In the sectional-semifinal he had 18 points against North Cambridge Catholic. And throughout all of his offensive games, his defense and rebounding became much better.

Jordan's role on the team has changed over the years and again this year he'll be asked to do even more. As a sophomore he was more of a shooting guard who helped the team from the outside. As a junior it started out that way but halfway through the season, Coach McCune changed his role to become the team's best defensive player and he responded. On top of that he still averaged about 11 points a game, while he had a handful of games of over 20 points.

"Last year he was our defensive stopper but he still won some games when he scored 20 points or got a winning basket," said McCune. "This year we're hoping he can be a little bit more consistent and maybe average between 14 and 18 points a game. I'm not putting pressure on him, but there will be pressure. But we all believe that it's going to work out for him."

The third player McCune believes will be an all-conference selection is Mitzan. The 6-foot-8 center came off the bench last year as a sophomore and not only improved drastically over the course of the season with his raw talents, but his confidence grew. This year it seems that he has taken his game to an even higher level and the coaching staff is extremely excited of what they believe he can bring to the table.

"In my opinion I believe he's going to be the next scholarship player," said McCune. "People might think I'm nuts but he's 6-8, he has ability and he works very hard. He is still extremely young but he's improving everyday. He's

dedicated himself and I think he's seeing some of those fruits come together. He possesses the physical ability, he's an outstanding athlete, has good agility and footwork and he worked very hard in the off-season."

With two players at least 6-foot-5 in the paint, and a very good shooter outside, Wilmington should be able to have a nice mix offensively, while they should be able to rebound its opponents. But that said, the questions of defense, and who'll round out the rest of the ground work remain.

"Right now the last two spots in the line-up are a dogfight," said McCune. "We have a couple of scrimmages coming up so that should help."

Seniors Sean Osgood (6-foot-1) and Ryan Tildsley (5-foot-9), as well as juniors Mike Kelley (5-foot-10) and Derek Trueira (5-foot-10) are those four players fighting it out for the final two guard positions. Osgood has said to be much improved from last year, while Tildsley is more of a shooting guard. Kelley brings athleticism, hustle and the ability to make things happen to the table in his third season as a varsity player. And Trueira is a very scrappy player up from the JV squad.

Junior Dan Hurley (6-foot-6) is also up from the JV squad and McCune is hoping he can be the player off the bench to substitute in for Taylor and Mitzan to give them breathers or when they are in foul trouble. Sophomore Eric Ollila has certainly opened up some eyes this pre-season. The 6-foot-1 sophomore was the JV team's MVP last year and McCune likes what he has seen so far.

"He has to get acclimated," said McCune. "He's a little nervous right now and that's expected. Once we work him in there I think he's going to be a pretty productive player for us down the road."

He is very good defensively and I think he'll be able to cover anyone."

The last three spots on the team have gone to junior forward Bobby Harrington, who was just voted to the Cape Ann League all-conference defensive football team last week, and juniors Mike Cavallaro and Kevin Pizzotti, as all three of them are up from the JV team.

"Harrington is the player who'll bring toughness to the court," said McCune. "He's very athletic and I love his work ethic. I love having him on the team. He's a great kid to have on any team. He might be a year away but he's going to provide us with that toughness and physical play that we need."

"Mike and Kevin are a year away from getting after it and I think they will be big contributors for us next year but if they are this year that's even better."

Wilmington lost a lot of players from last year. The league's MVP Valence Nwachukwu was a tremendous offensive player as well as leader for the team. He graduated. So did another captain Dave Aronofsky who also came up with some big baskets and was a good leader. Other role players also left, but another significant loss is Craig Osgood, who McCune thought would be the league's MVP this season. He averaged about 20 points a game last season including scoring 27 in the team's biggest tournament victory over North Cambridge Catholic. He took over that game and certainly would be considered one of the better players in the entire state. But he is lost right now because of academics.

"With Craig I thought we would be one of the favorites to win it all," said McCune. "But now without him, I certainly think we can still win the league and we can still do a lot of great things."

But to continue to get the points, keep teams off the scoreboard and continue to win games, Wilmington's going to have to get more of a collective effort both from the starting five and the remaining seven guys off the bench.

"We're still going to push the ball and run like we always have," said McCune. "I think we might be a little more patient this year offensively because I'm not sure if we have the talent to go down the floor and pull up a 25-foot jump shot or score 16 three-pointers in a game like we did last year. I'm not sure if we are capable of that this year. But what we are capable of is having both an inside game and an outside game."

"And defensively we're going to be in your face like usual and we're going to make sure that if we get beat, those teams are going to have to earn it. We're going to press like we always do and do it until someone tells us we can't anymore. We're going to do whatever it takes defensively to win games. It's going to be a real diverse defense this year."

"I'm very excited about this year's group. Losing last year's MVP and what I feel as this year's league MVP is certainly going to be hard. But at the same time that might make other teams forget about us. I think we have three all-league players, the best front court in the league and one of the best guards in the league. I really think that this team is going to make some serious progress during the season and become a very good team towards the end of it."

As for the league, Wilmington will have its hands full in the CAL Large with North Andover, Masconomet, Hamilton-Wenham and Newburyport. All four of those teams are competitive every year. In the second division, it's believed to be very balanced with Amesbury (18-2 regular season last year), Pentucket (also made the tournament) and North Reading leading the pack. In the small division, Lynnfield, Ipswich and perhaps even Manchester could make things interesting.

For non-league games, Wilmington again has its annual Christmas Tournament. This year they will face Tewksbury in the first round and then either Revere or Burlington in the second round. The 'Cats also have non-league road trips with Tewksbury and Dedham, a solid Division 3 club from the Bay State Conference.

Wilmington's first home game will be on a tail end of a double-header with the girls' team on Monday, December 23. The girls will host Lynnfield at 5:30, followed by the boys at 7 pm. All home games, except the Christmas Tournament, are slated for this season.



GAME FACES ARE ON! The Wilmington High boys' basketball team will be looking to repeat as league champions behind co-captains Pat Taylor (left) and Mike Jordan (right). (photo by Jessica Stygles)

## Jordan hopes sky's the limit for the team

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

With a dark outline tattoo of the greatest basketball player ever to live Michael Jordan flying through the air on his arm, Wilmington High senior co-captain Mike Jordan would like nothing better than get back to the promise land where Sir Michael Jordan has been so many times throughout his prolific career.

Last year the Wilmington High boys' basketball team made it to the Division 3 state sectional final for the first time in school history. Mike Jordan, then a junior guard, certainly was a piece to that puzzle. He averaged about 11 points a game, scored several game winning baskets, and was also the team's best defensive player standing at just 5-foot-9 inches.

As glory as those days were of the team finishing with the league title before beating three solid teams - Weston, Watertown and North Cambridge Catholic - in the state tournament, Jordan wouldn't trade those days with the team, those wins, and his performances in for anything. But those memories are forever stored in his intelligent head.

Now it's time for new memories starting on Friday when the team takes on Triton Regional.

"A lot of people left from last year," he said before Friday night's practice. "But we're all excited, especially the seniors. This is it for us. This is our final year. It's our last time playing together so this means a lot."

Jordan certainly ranks up there having one of the sweetest shots by any Wildcat player. His motion, his form, the way he uses his legs and arm flow so easily it makes it look like Sir Michael Jordan throwing up a 25-foot jumper to seal another championship. But the younger Jordan isn't a millionaire professional basketball player pumping in 30 points and dishing out 10 assists every game. He's a very good high school player whose hoping to elevate his game and to help his teammates get back to the promise land.

Head coach Jim McCune certainly thinks that will happen.

"To talk about Mike we have to have a lot of time," said McCune as he took a few moments to gather his thoughts. "Mike is a rare kid. He's extremely competitive. The kids play 1-on-1 with him all of the time and they know they won't go home until Mike not only beats you once but several times. He is a really good teammate. He has a level head, he's very consistent day in and day out and I think he's

going to be a tremendous captain. He's a real steady influence on everyone."

"Mike is also truly a student-athlete. He's a very good student. When you look up those words student-athlete, Mike is right there. There's not one person in school or town that can say one bad thing about him. He deserves every accolade and every kind word. I really believe that this year he's going to burst into the limelight. This is his coming out party. Last year he was our defensive stopper guy who also had a couple of 20 point games for us. This year, we're hoping he can be a little bit more consistent on offensive giving us between 14 and 18 points a game. We're not trying to put pressure on him but he's going to have pressure. He's just a great kid and we all hope things work out."

Last year Jordan was able to relax a little bit offensively because players like Valence Nwachukwu, Craig Osgood and Pat Taylor, the other co-captain on this year's team, were pumping in 15 to 25 points a game. Now this year there's Jordan, Taylor and Zach Mitzan, a 6-foot-8 center who came off the bench last year but will have a much larger role on the team. Jordan likes that challenge.

"I hope [I can step up my game]," he said. "Someone has to do it. I want to do it and I think I can but I don't want to say that I will in case I have a bad season. But I just want to win. I don't care about the points. I want to win and try to be a good leader, that's all I care about. And I want to work on my dribbling, I'm not that good at that."

Last year the team caused a lot of its damage offensively on fast breaks and pull up jumpers. This year, it will change with the ball constantly being fed down low to Taylor and Mitzan. But if they are in trouble, the ball will come back outside to Jordan and company who hope they can bury the chances.

"We're going to have more of an inside game this year with Pat and Zach," said Jordan. "They'll be scoring a lot more down low and rebounding a lot too. A lot of players have improved so much, we're just excited about the season. The key for us last year was we all played together as a team. So far we're doing that this year and that happens we'll be successful."

With a name like Mike Jordan, he wouldn't want to have it any other way.

## Wilmington High School Boys' Basketball notables

Head coach: Jim McCune (14th year)

Assistant coaches: Tommy Woods, Larry Keating, Joe Maiella and Jeff Arciero

Captains: Pat Taylor and Mike Jordan

Home games: Played at WHS, Larry Cushing Memorial Gymnasium

Season Opener: Friday, December 13th at Triton Regional, 7:00 PM

Home Opener: Monday, December 23, vs Lynnfield, 7:00 PM

Non-League games: Two games against Tewksbury, including the first round of the Christmas Tournament, a contest against either Burlington or Revere, and a trip to Dedham.

Last Year: Team finished the regular season at 17-3 and 20-4 overall. They won the Cape Ann League title, and defeated Weston, Watertown and North Cambridge Catholic in the Division 3 North state tournament, before losing to Lynn Tech in the sectional final which is the furthest any Wildcat team has ever gone.

Notables: Since joining the Cape Ann League for the start of the 1995-'96 season, Wilmington has captured two league titles. Last year, of the team's four losses, three of them came against Division 2 teams (two to Tewksbury and one to North Andover) ... Wilmington will be looking to make it back-to-back CAL titles for the first time in school history ... The 'Cats also surpassed the quarter-final round of the state tournament for the first time in McCune's tenure ... McCune came over from St. Clement's High School of Somerville for the 1989-'90 season. He coached the JV team there for two years beginning in 1980, before taking the varsity program over in 1982. Five years later he took that team to the sectional final losing to Weston ... One of the players McCune coached at St. Clement's, Larry Keating, is currently one of the team's assistant coaches, who also came here after serving as a varsity coach at St. Clement's ... Jeff Arciero was a former WHS player under McCune and he is in his second year as the team's freshmen coach ... This year's team returns six players from last year's team ... Of the 12 players on the club, five of them are over six-feet tall including monsters Zach Mitzan (6-foot-8), Dan Hurley (6-foot-6) and Pat Taylor (6-foot-5) ... Both captains Mike Jordan and Pat Taylor have hopes of continuing their basketball careers in college, most likely Division 3. Currently former star Eric Swiezynski is playing at St. Michael's of Vermont after receiving a full scholarship ... Of the 12 players on the team, six of them played a fall sport including Mitzan and Mike Kelley who were on the boys' soccer team which went to the sectional semi-finals. Kelley was an all-league selection as a forward ... Junior Bobby Harrington was an all-league football player.

Compiled by Jamie Pote

## Girls' Track team leaping for better records

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losses [from last year's team], said Donahue. "We had an excellent group of freshman last year, and most of the girls have returned. I think the girls are even stronger than they were last year, especially because we have even more talent in this year's freshman class."

Donahue can, however, rely on her two veteran captains to set golden standards for her youthful bunch. Senior Michelle Brush returns to the team this year as the Cape Ann League Champion in the 2-mile, while Michaela Rufo will anchor the team in the 600 and 1000 meters. Last year, Rufo qualified for the All-State Meet in both events, and Donahue expects she will be very competitive again this year.

Rufo will also participate in the high jump along with junior Melissa Marques, who looks much improved in practice this year.

The other major fielding event, the shotput, seems to be the biggest weakness for the girls team this year.

"We're currently working on getting a larger group of shotputters together," said Donahue. "Debbie Lyons, a sophomore, is our premier shot-putter from last year's team, but that event and the hurdles are probably our two weakest areas right now."

In terms of the middle-distance and sprinting events, Donahue is confident that her team can remain a force. Last year's 4x400m relay team comprised of Brush, Rufo and juniors Katherine Chin and Melissa Marques returns this year with the experience of a berth to last year's State Meet under their belts. Sprinters Alicia Braid and Sarah McGowan also return as State qualifiers, and should contribute markedly to this year's team. Meanwhile, sophomore

sprinter Caitlin McNabb looks even stronger this year and will run both hurdle events and the 300 meters.

In the mile, Donahue is hoping for strong seasons from returning sophomores Caitlin Foley and Katherine McMahon. Foley, along with captains Brush and Rufo, will also likely run the 2-mile from time to time. Sophomore Jen Loranger should also be an important distance runner for this year's girls team. While Donahue believes the team is a little weak in the distance department, she also remains confident that the team can change that with the right attitude and dedication.

Last year's 4-6 record is the mark to beat—the team goal. The girls will take their first strides towards beating that mark this Saturday as they open their season at Lynn Tech against Triton.



# Plenty of optimism surrounds boys' track team



**CLEARING THE HURDLE!** The Wilmington High boys' indoor track team would like to accomplish bigger and better things this season behind its captains. Pictured here are Dan Vassallo (left) and Steve Berry (right). The team's third captain Jason Gustin is missing from the picture. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH  
Sports Correspondent

As the Wilmington Boys' Indoor Track Team continues their race towards next Wednesday's season opener in Ipswich, Coach Bob Cripps continues to grow in excitement about his team's prospects. And there really is much to be excited about where this year's boys indoor team is concerned. After closing out the regular season with a very respectable 5 and 3 record last year, the team hopes to improve on that figure this season. A very real possibility for a team that retains the luxury of returning all of last year's top scorers.

"Barring some type of major catastrophe I see improvement in all areas," said Cripps. "We've got a lot of veterans returning from last year, and the new people look quite good."

The boys will participate in ten running and fielding events this year, and are projected to be quite strong in all areas. In fact, the only event that Cripps appears uncertain about is the 50-meter dash. However, uncertainty is very different from uneasiness, and Cripps is confident that one of his veterans or new freshmen can emerge as spoiler in the 50 meter event.

In the shotput, Cripps will look toward returning senior and last year's state qualifier Matt Dorothy to anchor the team.

"Dorothy had a breakout type year last season, and should again be one of the top league participants in the shotput," said Cripps.

In the highjump, Cripps believes the senior duo of Steve Berry and Jason Gustin will be quite a potent combination.

"Both [seniors] will be qualifying for the State meet, no question about it," said Cripps.

Berry, along with newcomers Eric Pelletier and Andrew Giamberardino, will also run in the hurdling events for this year's indoor team. Junior Pelletier joins the team for the first time this year after running and excelling in the hurdles' events last spring. Meanwhile, Giamberardino is a senior whose hidden talent in the hurdles had remained untapped till he also joined the indoor team this season.

"Giamberardino has really come along very well, and realistically, I

think there will be some meets where we can sweep that event," said Cripps.

In the middle distance events, Wilmington returns a lot of seasoned talent. Junior Brian Schell was a member of last year's All State relay team, and should be one of the top three league runners in the 600 meters. Meanwhile, senior Johnny Lee, who has run the 300 meter for Wilmington in the past, will double his stride this season when he moves to the 600 meter event instead.

"I've really liked the way [Lee] has looked in practice, and I think he is going to do very well [with the longer distance]," said Cripps.

That leaves the 300 meters to junior newcomers Peter Wayshville and

Willie Fiumara. Cripps has especially high expectations for Wayshville, who will be running winter track for the first time as a junior. According to Cripps, his athleticism and speed will likely surprise a lot of people around the league.

However, there will be very little surprise from Wilmington in the distance events, where this year's team should emerge exceptionally strong. Senior and captain Jason Gustin should easily win the Class C State Meet and will likely compete for one of the top spots in the All-State Meet. Freshman P.J. Russo will also likely emerge as a strong young distance competitor for Wilmington in the 1000 meters. In the mile, sophomore Chris Murray and

junior Shayne Gaffney both return to the winter team and should be among the top competitors in the Cape Ann League.

Meanwhile, in the 2-mile event, cross-country standout Dan Vassallo should again be among the top league runners. Cripps also expects that senior Nick Eaton will also run quiet well for Wilmington in the 2-mile.

The coach believes that the Masconomet and North Reading teams will present the biggest challenges to his team of runners this year. However, with a good combination of veteran leadership and freshmen talent, Wilmington will likely present some challenges of its own.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2002 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Jacqueline McCarthy for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on 184 Marshall Street. Assessor's Map(s) 33 Lot(s) 34. Construction of a 4 lot subdivision with 430 feet of roadway, grading, drainage system and utilities.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Stan Foltz  
Chairman  
D11;3067

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2002 at 7:40 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Allan C. & Anna Osterman for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on 163 Whipple Road. Assessor's Map(s) 9 Lot(s) 85. Construction of a four bedroom, single family house, driveway and septic system.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Stanley Foltz  
Chairman  
D11;3088

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2002 at 7:50 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Allan C. & Anna Osterman for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on 153 Whipple Road. Assessor's Map(s) 9 Lot(s) 84. Construction of a three bedroom, single family house, driveway and septic system.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Stanley Foltz  
Chairman  
D11;3089

## LEGAL NOTICE

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 02P5486EP1

In the Estate of Francis A. Keenan AKA Francis Keenan late of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex. Date of Death October 9, 2002.

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the at-ove captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Frederick T. Keenan of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on January 9, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, December 5, 2002.

John R. Buonomo  
Register of Probate  
D11;3095

## LEGAL NOTICE

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No 285171  
To: Thomas J. Rogers; Lisa A. Ferrari and all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended:

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 106 Woburn Street given by Thomas J. Rogers and Lisa A. Ferrari to Assurance Mortgage Corporation of America, dated December 4, 1996, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 8340, Page 42 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 13th day of January 2003, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 29th day of November 2002.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.  
Recorder  
D11;3093

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Wilfred J. Salem for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation.

Said Property is located on Ballard & Lowe Streets. Assessor's Map(s) 101 Lot(s) 121 to determine the Bordering Vegetated Wetland Boundary.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Stan Foltz  
Chairman  
D11;3085

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT

Middlesex, ss. 02E0180PP  
To Joseph Kitson of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex. Nationsbank Mortgage Corp. of New York, Novus Financial Corp. of Illinois and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Jean E. Olsen of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex representing that she holds, as tenants in common one undivided half part or share of certain land lying in Tewksbury in said County and briefly described as follows:

that certain parcel of land situate in Tewksbury, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by the Northeastly line of Overlook Drive, by a line and two curved lines measuring together, two hundred and 61/100 (200.61) feet;

Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Alton Properties, Inc., about three hundred twelve (312) feet;

Northeasterly by Ames Lake; and Southeastly by Lot 193, about three hundred eighty (308) feet;

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on subdivision plan 27170-H, Sheet one (1), which is filed with Certificate of Title 18132, the same being compiled from a plan

## LEGAL NOTICE

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 01P2819G11

In the Matter of William Lynch of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex.

#### NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

To William Lynch of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said William Lynch of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex is a mentally ill person and praying that Kathleen Murray and George Lynch of North Reading in the County of Middlesex be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of a person - for limited purpose of consenting to diet regimen of ward.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on December 20, 2002.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 19, 2002.

John R. Buonomo  
Register of Probate  
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drawn by Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Surveyors, dated February 20, 1968, and additional data on file in the Land Registration Office, all as approved by the Court and said land is shown as Lot one hundred ninety-four (194) on said plan:

The above described land is subject to the flow of natural water courses running through the same as shown on said plan:

So much of the land hereby registered as is included within the limits of the ways, shown on, said plan, is subject to the rights of all persons lawfully entitled thereto in and over the same.

setting forth that she desires that - all - the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$450,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 27th day of December 2002, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Beverly Weinger Boorstein Esquire, Acting First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of November 2002.

John R. Buonomo  
Register  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James R. Koslowski and Angeline Koslowski to EquiCredit Corporation of MA., dated March 21, 1997 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 8483, Page 205, of which mortgage First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as trustee of EQCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-3 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 3, 2003, on the mortgaged premises located at 43 Brand Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:  
The land, together with the buildings thereon, in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, more particularly described as follows:

Three certain lots of land numbered 162, 163 and 164 as appears on plan known as Silver Lake Addition, dated September, 1920, and made by Robert B. Bellamy, C.E., recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 42, Plan 73, said lots in all containing 7,500 square feet, more or less.

Subject to a first mortgage to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, dated August 4, 1989 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4971, Page 283 in the original principal amount of \$105,000.00.

For mortgagors' title see deed

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### BOARD OF APPEALS 990 Whipple Road Tewksbury, MA 01876

A Public Hearing will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall on Thursday, December 19, 2002, beginning at 8:05 P.M. on the following application:

#### LEGAL NOTICE

8:10 P.M. A&J Construction for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130, Appendix B, to construct a third floor shed dormer to existing dwelling, single family homes are to be maximum height of 2.5 stories. Premises located at 230 Cabot Road, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 28, zoned Residential.

8:20 P.M. Patrick and Allison Amorella for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130, Appendix B, to construct an addition to the existing dwelling, proposed

recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4971, Page 282.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises, contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUST, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1997-3  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
Megan C. O'Keefe, Esquire  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
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would increase the lot coverage to 22.5%. Premises located at 32 Maple Road, Assessor's Map 69, Lot 71, zoned Residential.

8:25 P.M. Michael Wink to modify a Special Permit (020710) under Section 3651 of the Zoning Bylaw granted by the ZBA on July 11, 2002, to expand a non-conforming structure to include a front porch. Premises located at 364 South Street, Assessor's Map 95, Lot 45, zoned Residential.

8:30 P.M. James A. Powers for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130, Table of Dimensional Requirements, Appendix B and Section 4120, to relocate the lot line which would decrease the square footage from 43,984 sf to 40,010 sf and decrease the frontage from 150 feet to 111.35 feet. Premises located at 85 Foster Road, Assessor's Map 59, Lot 70, zoned Residential.

8:30 P.M. James A. Powers for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4120 to relocate the lot line which would increase the square footage from 36,036 sf to 40,010 sf and increase the frontage from 72.8 feet to 111.45 feet. Premises located at 91 Foster Road, Assessor's Map 59, Lot 108, zoned Residential.

Tewksbury  
Board of Appeals  
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# Wrestlers ready for more

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

The last few years have been nothing but glory for the Wilmington High wrestling program. Head coach Mike Pimental has seen his kids get all kinds of accolades whether it be state titles, sectional titles or team victories. The numbers of participants continue to grow, the respect of the program continues to expand and the number of hard working kids continue to surround the mats everyday at practice.

With six wrestlers who at least placed in the sectional tournament returning this season, the quest for the program to become better and better each and every day is certainly a great possibility. But after losing three state place finishers from a 12-8-1 team which finished fifth at the Division 3 state meet as a team, Pimental knows once again that success won't be given to the team because of its past. Each and every one of them has to earn it.

"I think we can have a real good season," he said before practice last Friday. "We have a lot of good guys returning. There's huge positives because this year we have a great recruiting class in terms of number of new kids out for the team. We have a lot of new kids who I think will really give parity to all of the weigh classes. It'll make the older kids better and the it'll give the younger kids the experience."

"We lost some very good seniors from last year's team and it

may be hard to bounce back from that. But a lot of kids worked very hard in the off-season and if they continue to do that I think we'll be just fine."

Pimental has 42 wrestlers on the program. Of those 42, 17 of them went to some kind of summer work-outs whether it be camps in Vermont, Oklahoma or one at the Naval Academy. His line-up has experience in most of the weight classes, and hungry and raw kids in other classes. Last year's team finished second in the Cape Ann League with a 6-1-1 record, second at their hosted Sons of Italy tournament, second at the prestigious Mount Anthony Tournament, fourth at the sectional meet and fifth at the state meet.

"Our strengths is we have six returning sectional place finishers and four returning state finishers," said Pimental. "That's not too bad. I think we could surprise some people this season."

The team will be led by co-captains Roman Walsh and Jordan Weiner. Both of them will switch between the 130 and 135-pound weight classes depending on different strategies. Walsh is a two-time sectional place finisher, who last year lost to the eventual four-time state champion and ended up taking sixth at the Division 3 state meet. Weiner has come along way in his wrestling career. Undefeated at the JV level, he has come to the varsity level with a tremendous work ethic and desire to keep up his winning ways.

The team's best wrestler is senior Derek Hanley. Last year he became the program's fourth state champion. He went to the all-state meet and lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds to take second in the entire state. He has the school record of victories with 101, while he has just 31 losses in his three years. Last year he was 47-7 which included a 20-1 league record and 15 pins. He was a sectional and state champion, while he took second in the all-state meet and fifth at the New England Meet. He'll wrestle in either the 140 or 145-pound weight class depending on the team's strategies for the meet.

Senior Corey Calway returns at the 119-pound class and he finished seventh at the sectional meet last year and will be looking for bigger and better things this time around. Phil O'Brien was fifth at the state

meet last year but it out indefinitely with a broken arm he suffered during football. Junior Kenny Luongo came a long way last year and wrestled tremendously at the 215-pound class where he took seventh in the section.

As for the other weight classes, Pimental said there's some very good battles going on. At 103 pounds freshmen Nathan Clapp and Mike Sorrentino ate battling it out. At 112 pounds sophomore Tim Sughrue is back with his fierce tactics while freshman Jon Kelly will give him a push. Sophomores Kevin Paris and Matt Furlong as well as freshman Mike Catania give depth to the 119-pound class. At 125 there's a great battle going on between sophomores Anthony Almeida, a very tough kid, Mike St. Aubin and freshman Evan Walsh.

Senior Chris Kitteredge, sophomores Dan Turner, Steve West and freshmen Brian Wilson and Brendan Gibson provide depth between the 130, 135 and 140 ranks.

Four other weight classes also are up for grabs. At 145, senior Dennis Trulli, junior Mike Aronofsky and freshman Kehan Tannian are battling hard for the varsity spot. At 152, juniors Dave Paris and Ryan Osborne, as well as sophomore Rich Cummings and freshman Nick Gustin are all trying to emerge.

At 160, sophomore John Dowling, who went to the Naval Academy during the summer, is battling with freshmen Nick Manent and Adam Kitteredge. At 171, senior Matt Gennetti and freshmen Jon Cullen and Dan Hall hope they can score some points, while the same is true at 189 between sophomore Greg Boland and freshman Matt Phaup. Finally, Chris Olson a sophomore will be looking to crack the line-up at 215.

In terms of the Cape Ann League, perennial powerhouse North Andover is still the favorite. Pentucket and Masco are usually pretty good as well. Wilmington has picked up some non-league meets with teams such as Quabbin, Weston, Salem, Tyngsboro, Saugus, Hudson, Woburn, Greater Lawrence and Haverhill. They also will participate in several tournaments including the annual Wilmington Sons of Italy tournament on December 21, and the Hopkinton, Haverhill and M. Anthony tournament in Vermont.



READY TO THROW SOME OPPONENTS AROUND! Wilmington High wrestling captains Jordan Weiner and Roman Walsh look to lead the team to bigger and better things this season. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## Letter to the Sports Editor: Wrestlers say thank you

Dear Jamie:  
On behalf of the Friends of Wilmington Wrestling and the entire Wilmington High School Wrestling team we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses throughout Wilmington who contributed to our fundraiser this past weekend. We would also like to thank the Wilmington Community for its generous support.

Sincerely,  
The Friends of Wilmington Wrestling and the 2002-2003 WHS Wrestling Team.

### WHS WRESTLING NOTABLES

Head coach: Mike Pimental (8th season)  
Assistant coaches: Pete Mitchell, Dan Bonnell and CJ Semartis  
Home matches: Wilmington High School gymnasium  
Captains: Jordan Weiner and Roman Walsh  
Season Opener: Saturday, December 14th at Quabbin Regional in quad meet  
Home Opener: Annual Sons of Italy tournament at WHS, December 21st.

Last year: The Wildcats finished with a second place in the Cape Ann League with a 6-1-1 record. Overall they finished with a 12-8-1 record. They finished second as a team in the Sons of Italy tournament, second at the Mount Anthony tournament in Vermont and third at the Haverhill tournament. They finished fourth as a team in the Division 3 sectional meet, and they finished fifth at the Division 3 state meet. The team also crowned its fourth Division 3 state champion, Derek Hanley, who followed Billy Tate (95), Pat Heffernan (99) and Marc Sollazzo (01). The team also had six state place finishers and 9 sectional place finishers.

Notables: Wilmington has 42 wrestlers out for this year's team, including 25 freshmen and sophomores. Prior to Pimental being named head coach, the program never had a state champion and he's produced four in seven years. Hanley finished last season with 47 wins and has 101 through three years. Walsh is a two-time sectional runner-up, and a two-time state finisher. Wilmington had 17 wrestlers go to off-season camps between Oklahoma, Vermont and one at the Naval Academy. Bonnell is back for another season as a volunteer coach after he was captain of the team during the 1997-'98 season. This year's team has three sets of brothers, Roman and Evan Walsh, Chris and Adam Kitteredge and Dave and Kevin Paris. Anthony Almeida also has a family tie in as his father Bob is the high school football coach. Wilmington returns six sectional place finishers, including underclassmen Kenny Luongo. Senior Phil O'Brien, who was fifth in the state last year is out with an arm injury from football. The team's statisticians return for another season of relentless work and they are Tara and Shelly Hardimon, and Tara McPeeters. Wilmington will return for its annual trip to Mount Anthony High School in Vermont to participate in the prestigious tournament they run every year. Pimental was a state champion at Mount Anthony High School, before going onto Springfield College and then coming to WHS as coach. Mount Anthony High is arguably the most known high school wrestling program across the entire county. Last year the 'Cats finished second at the tournament, the best they've ever done facing teams from all across New England as well as New York and New Jersey.

Compiled by Jamie Pote

## Roman seeks to rule empire

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Roman Walsh is a throw back kind of athlete. He's the type of kid who works extremely hard, does what's asked of him, tries to go unnoticed about it and just goes out his own business in his own quiet way.

Entering his fourth and final year as a Wilmington High wrestler, the senior-to-captain might not want the limelight in his face, but he has the talents to grab those headlines. After what he called a horrible post-season as a junior, Walsh would like nothing better than to finish out his career as the program's fifth Division 3 state champion following Billy Tate, Pat Heffernan, Marc Sollazzo and current teammate Derek Hanley.

After last season was over, in which he recorded around 40 wins and finished seventh at the state meet and second at the sectionals, Walsh worked extremely hard in the off-season. He went to a 14-day intense wrestling camp in Oklahoma, as well as spending a few more days at the Mount Anthony High School camp in Vermont. He also took part in a winter valley wrestling regime at Pentucket Regional High just to work on the sport some more. On top of that, he was also one of the soccer team's solid defenders who helped the team reach the sectional semi-finals this past fall.

All of that hard work and training in wrestling he hopes will elevate him to bigger and better accomplishments this season.

"I want to be a state champ,"

said Walsh, whose younger brother Evan is a freshman who is battling it out for a spot at the 125-pound weight class. "Last year was rough. I did horrible [at the state meet]. I lost to the four time champ and just lost three matches in a row. I lost to a kid I beat the day before."

To achieve that goal, Walsh thought he had to improve on one aspect of his technique.

"I never had a good shot," he said. "Mainly I countered the offensive moves [by my opponent]. Basically I was decent up top and bottom but I never really had a good shot. [Now after the off-season workouts] I think I have a decent shot move and hopefully I'll have more takedowns this year."

Head coach Mike Pimental knows that if Walsh is taught something, he'll not only learn it but all but perfect it.

"If you tell Roman something, he'll mimic it to a tee," said Pimental. "It's like he has a photographic memory. He won't miss one step of anything you tell him. He'll replay it just exactly how you said it."

As a sophomore Walsh emerged and really splashed on to the varsity team. He had a very promising season as a freshman on the JV team and that helped him take second place at the sectional tournament as a sophomore on the Big Club. He later had an injury and didn't participate in the state meet.

Last year as a junior he took second in the sectionals again, and followed it up with a seventh place at the state meet which included losing three matches, one to the

four time state champion, and two other heartbreakers either in overtime or by a point. Pimental knows what is at stake for Walsh this year.

"Roman is one of the most well rounded wrestlers we've had here," said Pimental. "He has a 3.9 GPA [ranked seventh in his class] and he's a tremendously hard worker in both the class room and in the mat. He went to those summer camps and it's obvious how much commitment he has put in to helping himself and for the team. That's the type of guy you look for to have on your team. He's ranked as one of the best wrestlers in his weight class in the entire state and he should be. He has accomplished a lot already and we think he can get that much better."

Depending on the team's opponents, Walsh will switch between the 130 and 135 pound weight classes. He is currently weighing in at 135 but said he feels comfortable at either one. He just wants to do what's best for the team and as one of the team's captains, he said the team has some lofty goals it would like to accomplish.

"We hope to beat North Andover, to win the Cape Ann League meet and to finish in the top two teams at the sectionals," he said.

And to do all of that, the team has to continue to work extremely hard, continue to get better and better, and continue to do it going as unnoticed as they can. Sounds like a throw back team, led by a throw back captain named Roman Walsh.

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## WHS Girls Basketball preview

## New coach, new team, new goals

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Upon his first week as the new Wilmington High girls' basketball coach, Al Duffett told his players that they could say it just once, and could never repeat it again all season - those words are "Fleet Center".

Duffett has made more trips to the Fleet Center and the old Boston Gardens than the entire varsity program had wins last year. So the chances of the team getting there this season after a 5-15 record seems like quite a stretch. But the ground work has to be started somewhere, right?

"[The lack of winning in this program] will turn around," said Duffett. "I have no doubt about that. Whether it takes one year, three years or how many years, it will happen. I told the girls that they could say Fleet Center once and never say it again the rest of the season. That's why they are out here. That's why we're all out here - to get there."

But to get there, or even to get to a league title or to qualify for the state tournament for the first time in three years, the team has its work cut out for them. They don't have too many players returning who have varsity experience. They have won a combined 9 games in the last two years which came after a 10-11 season the year before that, and several sub .500 seasons before that. The program is on its fifth coach in the past decade and has hasn't had a record above .500 since Jim Tildsley vacated for Andover after the 1994-'95 season.

"I think we'll be OK," said Duffett. "We're only going to get better. The kids have been super so far. We've had three hour practices and they have been working very hard and I think we're all having a good time. I don't think people are going to give us much all season. But I think we have the promise to do well. We have three very good captains who seem to be awesome leaders and who have done everything we've asked so far. We're cautiously optimistic. But the problem is we don't know much about our opponents yet."

That's because Duffett is new. He came over after spending many terrific seasons at Westford Academy. Last year as the team's coach he finished with season a 20-1 record which came after several seasons in which the team went very deep in the Division 2 state tournament behind Boston College star player Jess Devany.

Last year Duffett didn't have a Devany, he had an entire team that clicked and played very well together. He doesn't have a Devany on this year's team, but he's hoping he can find a few players who can emerge to be productive on both ends of the court.

"We certainly don't want to be outlasted in any game," said Duffett. "After our Friday night games we're going to get together on Saturday morning and sit down

and work on what's needed to be worked on. If we don't come out and play well every night, it could be ugly. We're trying to work on a winning attitude. I know it's a cliché, but we're going to take it one game at a time and I think we have too. We have to see that improvement from game to game."

Duffett said he made no promises for his first year. All he said was he wasn't going to cut any seniors or freshmen. He also said he made no promises in terms of playing time for anyone on his roster, it will be performance only. He doesn't make any exceptions for anyone, and at the same time he's very intense and driven to win and make this program respectable. He said he hopes that all starts with the senior leadership from tri-captains Keri Gillespie, Danielle Spry and Stacy Comer. Gillespie stands at 5-foot-10 and she has worked very hard in the off-season and seems to be much improved.

Spry is a solid player on both ends of the floor and she stands at 5-foot-8 and the two of them will be the team's bigger players down low in the paint. Comer will be the team's small forward. She was on the team last year but didn't play that much but her role will certainly be expanded this season.

The other two starters, junior Lauren Rappoli and sophomore Lani Cabral-Pini bring instant athleticism and major upside to the program. Rappoli is a very good player when she plays under control. When her game is on, with heads up passes and better shot selections she's pretty prolific. Cabral-Pini, who brings exceptional speed, good smarts and determination, is in her first year with the varsity club and Duffett said the starting point-guard position is hers until she graduates.

"We have two girls who can really handle the ball so that's very promising," said Duffett. "But we need to find someone else who can help them out because we don't have other guards who have varsity experience."

Rappoli will back-up Cabral-Pini as the point guard which means seniors Lauren Crowley and Katie Halas, as well as junior Lauren Cushing will most likely fill in as a back-up for the two starting guards depending on the switch. All three of those players are up from the JV team. Senior Elisa Maglione and junior Brynne Moroney will be back-up forwards, while, Duffett has also taken two freshmen Alyssa Bibeau and Megan Godding, who will be versatile off the bench most likely as guards/small forwards.

Senior Suzanne Oblom is a transfer student and she stands at 5-foot-11 and she's a possibility of helping the team. Junior Ashley Steenbruggen, who is about 5-foot-10, would have made the team but is out all season because of a knee injury she suffered during the soccer season.

The knack against the team

the past few years has been its poor shooting, and in particular its poor shot selections.

"All we want is good defense, hit our lay-ups and our free throws," said Duffett. "Those are the three most important aspects. The shooting will take care of itself if we can do those three things."

As for Duffett's style as a coach he's very knowledgeable of the game, has tremendous experience and is very demanding and intense. He hopes the players can relate to that. As for strategy, he said he has implemented a lot so far.

"The girls told me that last year they were the only team to play a zone defense but our philosophy has always been man-to-man defense," he said. "So that's what we're using. It'll be full court man-to-man scramble and press. We run a basic 1-2-2 stack offense, or sometimes a 2-1-2, we run half court scrambles and we've been putting in our sideline and under the basket plays as well."

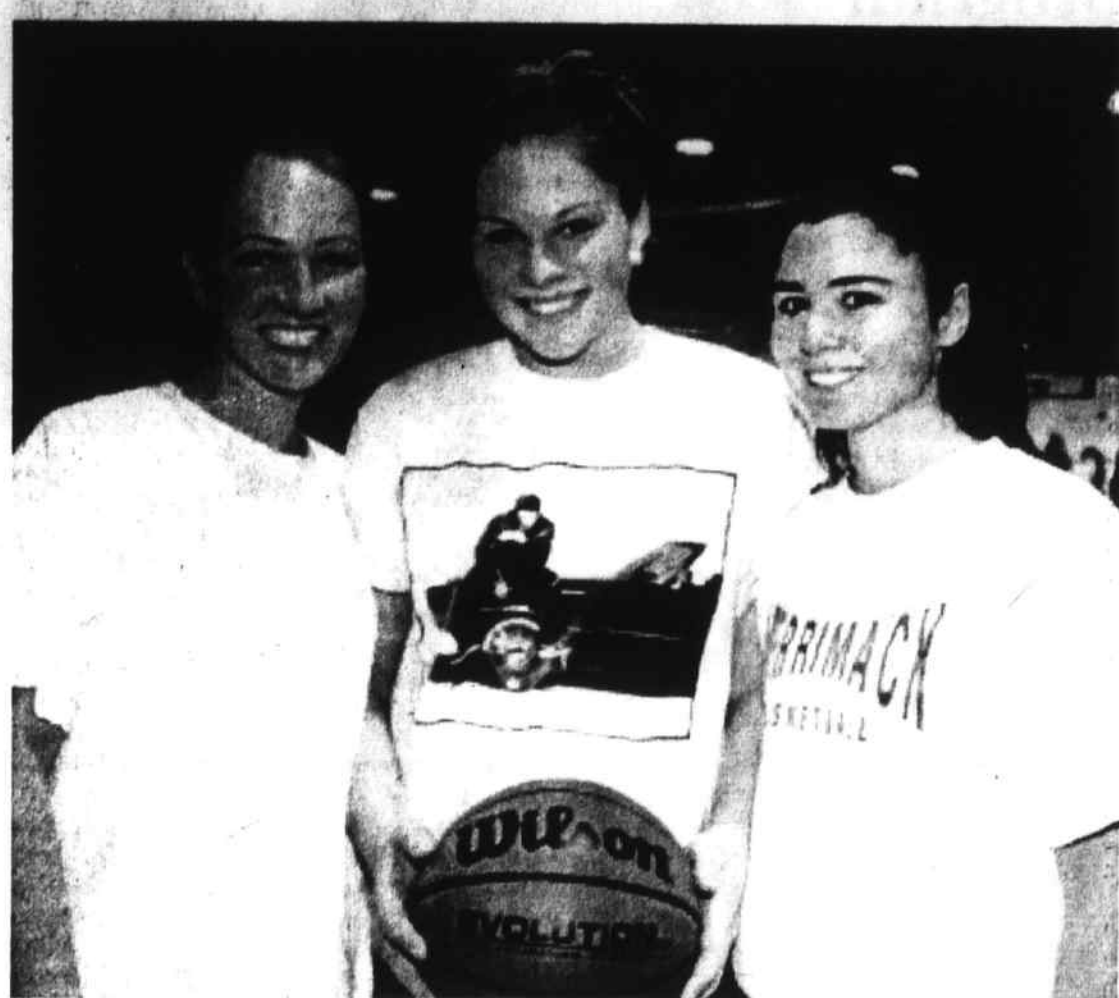
This Friday the team opens its season with a home game against Triton. After that they host Manchester before taking on perennial league power North Andover.

"Triton is the key," he said. "If we don't meet with success early on it might be tough. If we don't play well against Triton, I think it could be ugly against teams like North Andover and Masconomet. Everything is going to be performance bonus. I know the girls are tired right now and I know a lot is expected from them by me. All we're looking to do is improve every game and try to win 10 games so we can make the tournament. And after that anything can happen. I know we have some tough games. We have Hamilton-Wenham twice in one week and that will be tough. We have North Andover and Masconomet, but besides that I don't know much about the league yet."

"I think this team brings great athleticism. We're going to tweak some things but it's going to be a long term project. The hard part is already over. Friday starts the season and we're looking forward to it."

As for the Cape Ann League, North Andover, Newburyport, Amesbury and Masconomet are always extremely strong teams. Triton is usually pretty decent, but thereafter the 'Cats should be competitive with the other teams including Hamilton-Wenham, Ipswich, Manchester, Rockport, North Reading and Georgetown.

The team also has a pair of non-league games with Merrimack Valley Conference teams Tewksbury and Dracut. Both teams have had their share of post season appearances in the each of the past few years. Tewksbury has a strong three or four starting players, while Dracut has lost several key players from its last few seasons.



NEW SEASON UNDERWAY! The Wilmington High girls' basketball team will be looking to back to its winning ways behind tri-captains from left Danielle Spry, Keri Gillespie and Stacy Comer. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## Comer's presence should be a factor

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Stacey Comer gets it. And she hopes her teammates on this year's girls' basketball team get it too.

What she gets is the understanding of what it takes to be a team player, a hard worker, a role player and someone who just loves being part of sports and around her teammates no matter if they win or lose.

During the spring, Comer was the shortstop on the softball team which made it to the Division 2 North Sectional Finals for the first time in 6 years. She wasn't the best shortstop in the state, but she was steady, she did her job and she did it to the best of her ability.

During the fall she decided to hang up her soccer cleats and try a new sport. She had been a member of the girls' soccer team but decided to give volleyball a try with her cousin Lauren Crowley, who is not only her double play partner in softball, but was also one of the volleyball team's captains. Comer made the varsity volleyball team and became a starter for the team which went to the sectional semi-finals before losing to Notre Dame Academy. That was the furthest any volleyball team has gone in over a decade.

Now comes the winter season. Comer is back with the sneakers and this time instead of serving the ball over the net, she wants to get this ball in the net to help the Wildcat girls' basketball team into greener pastures. Last year was tough on Comer in basketball. She didn't play much and the team struggled with a 5-15 record. This year she hopes will be different. She's been named one of the tri-captains along with Keri Gillespie and Danielle Spry. No, she's not the going to be a scholarship basketball player, but she brings that caliber of play to the team every day because of her work ethic and her attitude.

"To me work ethic is the most important," she said after Friday night's practice. "If you don't work hard you won't succeed. I'm a senior so I'm hoping just to work as hard as I can and hopefully that will rub off to the underclassmen because if we all don't work hard, we won't succeed."

The program has never been known to lay down, but the wins just haven't come. This year Comer hopes all of that changes. And to her this winter season is all about change. There's a new coach, she's a senior, she's a captain and her responsibilities on and off the court are bigger than ever.

"It's just weird being a senior," she said. "It just came so quick. We've been playing together since the sixth grade and now we're seniors so it's like wow. But everyone on this team has great attitudes. We all get along and we know that if one person works hard everyone else does. No one thinks one person works harder than anyone else. We're all work-

ing very hard and we're pushing each other."

Comer is penciled in as one of the team's five starters, most likely playing the small forward position. She came off the bench last year and played sparingly as a guard. This year her role as expanded and she hopes to take full advantage of it.

"I'll be playing the three," she said. "Hopefully that will be more shooting and I'll get to be tough underneath the basket and play good defense."

But to do all of that will under a new system. Al Duffett has come over from Westford Academy as the new coach. He has his ways of doing things and now there's a new offense, defense and overall team rules which have been implemented.

"He's different," said Comer, of Duffett. "He's very intense, he's very aggressive and you can tell that basketball is his life. But I think he sees a lot of potential in us. And with a new coach hopefully that can all be put in good use. I think it'll help the team."

Duffett has only been on the job for about ten days. In that time he selected his varsity team while his subpar teams were also broken up. He also is trying to get to know his players' strengths and weaknesses,

while at the same time he's trying to implement his ways, trying to have the team bond as much as possible and not to mention trying to do all of the other intricate things coaches do during the season. With 40 girls trying out for the varsity team, Duffett took 13 on the varsity squad. Comer was one player who stood out in his mind.

"Not that the other captains or other players didn't work hard, but Stacey really impressed me with her work ethic," he said. "She sort of set the tone out there during the tryouts because of her hustle and determination."

On Friday the team's season begins with a home contest against Triton Regional. Of course the team wants to win and start the season off on the right foot. But Comer realizes that if the team goes 20-0 or 0-20, she is still going to be that hard working captain who still has smile on her face and that funny personality.

"You got to be serious and you know that for major part of the season," she said. "But you also have to fall back and enjoy the jokes and laughs or you won't survive."

And that's what she's hoping the underclassmen get.

## Wilmington High School girls basketball notables

Head coach: Al Duffett (1st year)

Assistant coaches: Dana Atkinson and Audrey Cabral-Pini

Captains: Danielle Spry, Stacy Comer and Kim Gillespie

Home Contests: Played at WHS, Larry Cushing Memorial Gymnasium

Season and Home Opener: Friday, December 13th vs Triton Regional, 7 pm

Non-League games: Two games each against Tewksbury and Dracut

Last year: The team finished with a 5-15 record under former coach Bob Gillis who resigned after the season.

Notables: This is coach Al Duffett's first season after coming over from Westford Academy. Throughout his long tenure there he served as girls basketball, football and baseball coach, as well as the school's athletic director. Duffett becomes the fifth coach in the past decade as Sue Rowe, Jim Tildsley, Beth Livermore and Bob Gillis have also shared the duties. Duffett finished with a 20-0 regular season record last year and lost in the quarterfinals of the Division 2 state tournament. The year before he went to the Eastern Mass final. He coached Jess Devany, who is received a full scholarship from Boston College and is playing extremely well. Duffett brought over his longtime assistant coach Dana Atkinson, a graduate of Wilmington High, who also served as girls' varsity basketball coach at Westford at one tenure. Duffett's JV baseball coach at Westford Academy was Pat McAndrews, who is the head varsity coach at Tewksbury High, who'll Wilmington will face twice this season. Joining the staff as a volunteer assistant is Audrey Cabral-Pini, who was the former head girls' basketball coach at Cambridge Ridge and Latin. Audrey's daughter, Lani is the team's starting point guard. Last year, Bob Gillis' daughter Jenn was also a member of the team making it two years in a row of a coach-daughter relationship. Current seniors Stacy Comer and Lauren Crowley also have the family ties as they are cousins. Also, junior Lauren Cushing made the team and she is the daughter of field hockey coach Patti Cushing. Both Comer and Crowley are coming off productive seasons with the softball team which made it to the sectional final, and the volleyball team which made it to the sectional semi-final. This year's team will be looking to make the state tournament for the first time since the 1999-'00 season under former coach Beth Livermore. That year the team lost to Triton in the first round of the tournament. Meredith Cipriani was one of the team's captains that year and right now she is a junior captain at Fitchburg State College. Only six players bring varsity experience from last year's team, while only three of them logged serious minutes. Four players are up from the JV squad, while two others are freshmen.

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## Girls' Hockey program pushes to get to the next level

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

All across the state of Massachusetts, high school girls' hockey has exploded. The last three or four years, nearly 100 high schools have added the program. Wilmington is among that group and this will be the third season of the team's existence. The past two years was a learning stage for the program. The coaches were volunteers, the players barely knew how to skate and the program was considered more of an intramural program.

Today all of that has changed. Head coach Joe McMahan said the team is now considered a varsity program. He also said that this year things should be different. Instead of working on how to stop at practice, the team's focus will be break-outs, face-off plays, bettering their shots and learning more of the intricacies of the game of ice hockey.

"We played in the jamboree on Saturday night and let me tell you the girls were phenomenal," said McMahan. "They were incredible. [Assistant coach] Kenny [DeMaggio] and I couldn't believe it."

This year's team has 18 players and of those just one of them is a senior. The program lost one senior from last year's team, Ashley Biggins, while several others didn't come out for the team. However, of the 18 on this year's roster, all but three or four of them are sophomores or younger. Thus if the girls stick with it, the nucleus of this team could certainly bring this program to the forefront.

"This is the best I've felt in the three years," said McMahan. "There is a spirit on this team that I've never seen before. It's given all of us something to really look



**ALL TOGETHER!** The Wilmington High girls' hockey team is in its third year of existence and the entire team would like nothing better than an enjoyable, fun and successful season. On Monday, the girls practiced inside the Shriner's Auditorium as they gear up for Wednesday night's opener. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

forward too. [The last two years] we would work on skating and stopping. Now it's about the thought process of the game of getting to the puck and knowing what to do with it."

McMahan said that the vast majority of the 18 girls went to some kind of hockey camp during the off-season to prepare for this upcoming season which gets underway Wednesday night with a trip against Marblehead. Now he said no longer will you just see girls shooting the puck up the boards and chasing it.

"All of them can skate," he said. "That's the biggest difference. They are confident knowing they can all skate now. They are so far ahead than they were a year ago. It's great. We're just so excited. Now we can work on shooting the puck better, face-offs, positioning and all of that stuff."

The last few years the team has piled up a handful of victories, but that wasn't what it was all about. Rather, it was to start a program from scratch with a group of girls who had no experience of skating, no experience of the sport and who are given just a few short early morning week practices. McMahan doesn't expect this year's team to go 20-0, but obvi-

ously the team will be looking for more wins, since after all their understanding of the game is that much better.

"What we're going to try to do is the two-man forecheck and the trap," said McMahan. "The last few years it wasn't as successful because the girls weren't as strong skaters. Now they are, and now other teams won't be expecting the trap."

The team has a handful of returning players from each of the past two seasons. Up front, experience forwards include junior Tiffany Zolt along with Jackie Moran, Erin Magee, Maria Tucker, Kristine Barry and Jillian Abell. McMahan said the forward lines are not intact yet but those six players will most likely make up the top two lines in some kind of fashion. Amber Warnick, Kerri Porter, Brittany Zolt, Katie Martell, Michelle and Jen Jensen and Maggie Sorrentino are also in the mix up front as forwards making up the third and fourth lines.

Defense will be the team's strength. Sophomore Jen Corcoran returns and she has played hockey all of her life. She is the team's top defender and a pretty good one. She is a strong skater and does some great things with the puck.

## Corcoran hopes to be the backbone

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Wilmington High sophomore Jen Corcoran has been challenged all of her life. So why would this season be any different?

Growing up Corcoran played in the Wilmington youth hockey league with boys. She was the one girl on every team. She was the one player who all of the other teams would seek out after because after all she was a girl playing with the boys.

She switched from playing with the boys to the girls when she entered eighth grade. That's when the very first WHS girls' hockey program was assembled. She joined the team as a defenseman and last year was one of the team's assistant captains although she was just a freshman. She is one of the team's best skaters, she is strong on her feet, can stick handle and she is a very solid defenseman.

Now she has more challenges lying ahead. First the team seems to be much improved and thus they want to take their overall play to the next level, the challenge of doing that and getting better certainly is right there for the team to take. The second challenge is her health, and how she can rebound from some injuries.

"I couldn't do anything in the off-season because I hurt my back," she said. "It started to hurt when I was playing field hockey. I had a stress fracture in the lower part of my back. So I've gone to [physical therapy] and I just took it easy for a while. On the first day of tryouts, the doctors said I could play. Right now it feels pretty good. I guess it just hurt more because of the running and pounding from field hockey."

This season gets underway on Wednesday when the team visits Marblehead. Corcoran certainly will see her share of the ice time as the team's top defenseman. Besides being healthy, she'd like to improve on her game like any

other student-athlete. Head coach Joe McMahan thinks she has already crossed that bridge.

"Jen looks great so far," said McMahan. "She's taller, she's faster, her shot is better and she's going to be a leader for us."

But first and foremost she can do all of that, Corcoran hopes the rest of the team realizes how much they have improved and how much their levels of play can be elevated.

"I think we're going to be pretty good," she said. "All of us can skate and we all are getting the hockey aspect. This should be a fun and busy year for us and we know things are only going to get better. Last year we had some issues and not everyone was doing stuff in the summer. This year everyone wanted to improve and everyone has skated and worked hard. We're excited. Everyone cares about the program and everyone really gets along."

Corcoran said there are some big differences between playing hockey with the girls as opposed to the boys. Obviously the gender has a lot to do with it, but in terms of on ice, there are advantages and disadvantages.

"It was fun playing with the boys and I miss it," she said. "It was different. They seemed to want to win more and they were more serious."

Corcoran believes that this year's team can take the same route because they have the work ethic and the right attitude of taking it more seriously.

"This year's team is going to be a lot more united," she said. "There's no cliques — and already you can tell we are a team. We definitely want to win."

We have to get that in our minds that we can beat a lot of these other teams."

And that's just one more challenge ahead for Jen Corcoran and the rest of the team: knowing they are just as good as the other teams they face.

She'll be joined by Christina Roux, freshman Katelyn Lynch, eighth grader Laurie Heenan, while, Barry will most likely see some time there as well.

The team has just one goalie and that's sophomore Julie Martell who is back for her third season.

"She looked great on Saturday," said McMahan. "She was one of the girls who went to the Gloucester camp for the past six weeks and you can tell how much it's helped her. Her confidence is up, she's fearless and she has a good glove."

This year's schedule consists of several of the same opponents while some new schools have been added which should really make the league balanced and competitive.

"More teams have developed the program and girls' hockey is really getting big," said McMahan. "No longer is it considered an intramural sport. It's a varsity sport, a serious varsity sport. And now just in Wilmington, in a lot of the communities. Our program would have never gotten off the ground if it wasn't for [athletic director] Jim Gillis. He brought it to the forefront not only in Wilmington but he had a lot to do with it across the state."

And now this year's team wants to show Gillis that he made the right choice of doing what he did.

## WHS GIRLS HOCKEY NOTABLES

Head coach: Joe McMahan (3rd year)  
Assistant coaches: Kenny DeMaggio, Matt DiPasquale and Julie Lambert  
Home rink: Ristuccia Exposition Center in Wilmington  
Season opener: Wednesday, December 11th at Marblehead  
Home opener: Wednesday, January 1st vs Gloucester, 7:30 PM

**Notables:** This is the third season of girls' hockey at WHS. It's also the first one the team has been labeled a varsity program, rather than intramural ... Head coach Joe McMahan has been a volunteer coach since the program began two years ago ... His longtime friend Kenny DeMaggio returns for another season as an assistant, while newcomers to the coaching staff this year include Matt DiPasquale (the goalie coach) and newly named DARE Officer in town, Julie Lambert ... This year's team has 18 members on it with just one senior, Jen Jensen. Jen is one of three sets of sisters on the team as her sister Michelle made the team, while twin sisters Julie and Katie Martell return for another season joining Tiffany and Brittany Zolt ... Maggie Sorrentino is also a member of the team and her sister Maria played last year ... A pair of eighth graders also made the team including Laurie Heenan and Maria Tucker ... Wilmington participated in a jamboree at Ristuccia, and off ice they are at the Shriner's Auditorium ... Wilmington's schedule has drastically changed this year with the additions of several new teams, but they will still take their ferry trip to Martha's Vineyard.

Compiled by Jamie Pote

## Thomas named Player of the week

Kristen Thomas of Wilmington, a junior defenseman on the fifth ranked University of New Hampshire women's ice hockey team, has been named TPS Louisville Player of the Week by Women's Hockey East.

Thomas recorded four points, all on assists, recently in UNH's two game sweep of the University of Connecticut. The co-captain matched a career high with three assists in the 8-0 victory at the Whittemore Center and had a helper in the 2-1 victory at UConn Ice Arena. She was credited with an assist in both of last weekend's game winning goals.

Thomas leads both the team and Women's Hockey East in assists (18) and points (21). She is ranked 15th in the nation in points (1.50 apg).

Thomas is UNH's fifth recipient of the conference's Player of

the Week award, Kristine Butt took home the honor recently; Carolyn Gordon won the honor November 18 and October 21 and Chandy Kaip was honored November 11.

New Hampshire has a 14-1-1 overall record (5-0-0 WHE), which is the nation's best winning percentage, and takes a seven game winning streak into Friday's game at No. 1 Harvard University.

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THE SHAWSHEEN TECH ICE HOCKEY TEAM will open their season next week. Look in next week's edition for the team preview. (File photo).

## Shawsheen Tech swimming preview

# Locals dive into competition

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

When the Shawsheen Tech swimming team opens their season on Friday at Minuteman Tech, they will be looking to start what they hope will be as season that is as successful as last season was.

Actually, they will be looking to improve slightly. The Rams went 9-1-2 last season, which was good enough for second place in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference. The Rams only loss of the season came to league champion Tyngsboro, whom the Rams also tied during the season.

The Rams lost 11 seniors off of last year's very successful team, but head coach Terry Bradley, in her first season — taking over from Anthony Fiore — and her assistant Beverly Pantano, who is returning for her second year on the Rams staff are confident that the athletes who are returning will allow them to once again compete for the league crown.

"We lost a lot, but I think we can hold our own," Pantano said. "It will be more of a challenge for us, but we've got a great group of kids who are all willing to be a part of the team and willing to try something different if it will help."

One of the swimmers that will be counted on most heavily for the Rams will be sophomore Patrick Compenschi of Wilmington. Compenschi will compete in the 100 meter breaststroke, the 100 meter individual medley and the 100 meter butterfly. He may be young, but Patrick is very talented and his coaches know they have something special in this young star.

"Patrick is just a natural," Pantano said. "I don't want to single out one person because we have a lot of talent on this team, but Patrick just has a lot of natural ability. He moves through the water like a fish."

Another Wilmington native that the Rams will be counting on will be senior Tom Tringale. Tringale will compete in the 500 meter freestyle and most likely some other events as well.

"Tom is a very strong swimmer," Pantano said. "He has a lot of endurance. He can swim quite a long time, which makes him very effective in an event like the 500."

Andrea Gomez of Wilmington will be one of the leading females on the coed team. Gomez will compete in the 100 meter butterfly, and much is expected of her as the season begins.

"She is great in the butterfly," Pantano said. "She's right up there with Patrick as a swimmer." Sophomore Melissa Tello of Wilmington will be a diver for the Rams. She is one of several young members of the team that the coaches hope to see improve as the season goes on.

"We have some very high expectations for Melissa," Pantano said. "Last year was a learning process for her and she did well, and this year we are hoping for even more from her."

Along with Tyngsboro, the Rams will also face some stiff competition from several other teams in the CAC, most notably Notre Dame. The rivalries within the league are intense in terms of wanting to win, but friendly in terms of the respect the teams have for each other.

"We have some great competition this year. There are a lot of great teams in this league," Pantano said. "The kids are look-

ing to face Tyngsboro because of last year, but there is a lot of camaraderie with kids from the other teams. A lot of them know each other, so it is a friendly competition."

The Rams will enter the season with 12 freshmen on their roster along with 11 other underclassmen to go along with their seven

seniors. The athletes will definitely be learning and improving as they go.

"We've got a very young team," Bradley said. "We've got a lot of freshmen who are very trainable and will do well this year. I think we can only get better as the year goes on."

## Shawsheen Tech wrestling preview Donovan looks for incredible success to continue

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team has developed quite the winning tradition under the leadership of head coach Mark Donovan, who enters his 19th season at the helm of the Rams. In Donovan's 18 years as the leader of the Rams, Shawsheen has finished either first or second in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference each season.

Entering this season, which begins on Saturday morning at 10:00 am at Minuteman, the Rams will be looking for similar results. Not only will they be looking for those results, they will be expecting them. The bar has been raised for this program and that is just fine by Donovan.

"The expectations are high every year," Donovan said. "There is no question we to win the league. We want to win the Mass Vocational Tournament as well. Every year everyone wants to beat us. Every year we try to instill in the kids that they are the team to beat in this league."

Last year's squad finished with just a 10-9 overall record, but the Rams were 6-1 within the CAC, finishing second to Greater Lawrence, with most of their losses coming to tough Division 1 foes like Billerica, Chelmsford and Lowell.

"We face some real wrestling powerhouses," Donovan said. "Chelmsford, Billerica and Lowell are all powerhouses, but facing them makes us very good at the end of the season when it matters most."

The Rams will have 12 returning starters helping them to reach their lofty goals this season, including tri-captains Dave Callahan of Tewksbury, Brian Gird and John Pimental. Callahan and Gird are seniors, while Pimental is a junior. "All three of our captains have earned it because of their hard work and their leadership on and off the mat," Donovan said.

Callahan will compete in the heavyweight division, while Pimental will wrestle at 189 pounds and Gird will check in at 171 pounds. Seniors Jamie Martinez at 171 pounds and Wilmington's Adam King at 152 or 160 pounds will also be keys for the Rams.

The Rams have several returning starters who placed in the sectionals last year. Tewksbury's Steve Helmer placed fourth in the 103-pound sectionals last season and

will wrestle at 11 pounds this year. Joey Roman finished seventh at 112 pounds last year and will wrestle at 119 this year. Wilmington's Greg Balistrer finished seventh at 119 pounds and will move up to the 125 pound weight class this year.

"We are going to be very strong at the 103, 112, 119 and 125 pounds," Donovan said. "We've also got returning starters at 152, 160, 189 and 250 so we should be strong there as well. We will be new at 130, 135 and 140 so we've got a couple of holes to fill, but the kids are working hard."

Hard work is the cornerstone of Donovan's coaching philosophy. The Rams are obviously talented, and Donovan has obviously shown them some great wrestling techniques, but the thing that will lead them through this season will be their commitment. It is something that Donovan stresses and it goes beyond just wrestling.

"Teach family, school and wrestling," Donovan said. "Everything else comes last. We try to make the kids believe they put their pants on one leg at a time like everyone else. They can beat any team we go against, but they could also lose to anybody if they do not put the work in."

The first meet against Minuteman will be a tough test for the Rams right out of the gate. Minuteman will be looking to defeat the Rams for the first time, and like most teams in the CAC, a win this meet will make their season regardless of what else happens.

"Minuteman is very good. They are coached by the Tildsley brothers, Brian, Jason and Kevin," Donovan said, of the former Wilmington High and Shawsheen wrestlers. "They teach some great fundamental wrestling. It's a good rivalry, but they have not beaten us so they will be fired up. Of course we are going in with the attitude that we are going to win."

The Rams will have to be prepared for Minuteman's best effort, just as they will have to prepare for the best of every team they face. But the Rams will not be alone at the top of the CAC.

"Greater Lawrence is the team to beat, but everybody will be gunning for us. If a team beats us it's like winning the Super Bowl for them," Donovan said. "That just makes us work even harder."

## Shawsheen Tech Boys' Basketball preview

# Rams might have new coach, but same goals apply

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team has a new leader this year, but they will be looking to continue and to build on the same type of winning season they had last year. Shawsheen Athletic Director Ron Nowakowski takes over the helm of the Rams from Roger Bourgeois, and he and the Rams will be looking to build on last season's 10-10 record and appearance in the state tournament.

The Rams were eliminated in the first round of the tourney by eventual state champ Lynn Tech, but were happy with the winning season where they competed very well in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Lower Division. Nowakowski will not speculate on how his team will fare this season as far as wins and losses are concerned. He is more concerned with the effort his players put forth throughout the season, and if early returns are any indication he should not have a problem in that

"I coached many years ago and I always looked at things one game at a time. I don't like to predict how the season will go because things like injuries can come up," Nowakowski said. "I just hope the kids will stay focused throughout the year."

Once again, the early returns have been great. During a two hour practice on Monday afternoon, the Rams looked as eager to play at then end of the practice while running sprints and other drills as they did at the beginning. Motivation should not be a problem for this team.

"The biggest benefit for me as a coach is that these kids love basketball," Nowakowski said. "I have never been around a group of kids who love basketball so much. They are working hard and I hope they continue working hard. Sometimes wins and losses don't matter as much as the effort. Winning of course is a nice benefit of the hard work, but the hard work is the most important thing."

The effort will certainly be there, and if the Rams approach the success of some of Nowakowski's former teams, the

Toland helps Bentley  
BOSTON - The Bentley College women's indoor track team opened its season Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center in the Northeastern University Husky Invitational in strong fashion with both Kristen Godfrey and Cherise Quimby setting school records.

That was also the amount Godfrey shaved off the 200 meter record with her time of 26.40 seconds good for seventh overall. It ousted Colleen Judge, a recent inductee into the Bentley Athletic Hall of Fame, from the record books seven years after she had set the former standard. Godfrey was also part of Bentley's 4 x 200 relay team that finished fifth with a time of 1:49.60.

Joining her on the relay were juniors Liz Jepson and Andrea Toland (Tewksbury), along with freshman Kathryn Schill.

wins will likely be there as well. Nowakowski, in his 24th year as athletic director, coached the Rams from 1975-85. During the last three years of his tenure, the Rams won 60 games and made the state tournament sectional finals in each of those years.

If the Rams are going to return to those lofty heights, or more likely return to the state tournament, it will likely be the result of three returning starters off of last year's team, as well as several other key players. The returning starters are all juniors, as guards Chris Pavidis and Chuck Timmins, along with Wilmington's Mike Gore at forward will lead the Rams. Junior Sean Benoit at forward and senior Sean Sullivan at center will round out what looks to be a formidable starting lineup.

Other key players for the Rams will be junior center Johnny Santos, senior forward Chris Frost, senior forward Jason Cantwell, and Wilmington natives junior Brendan Warford at guard and junior Mike Giangregorio at forward.

The Rams will be tough defensively for opposing offense to deal with. They will rarely show the same look to a team and are hoping that with their superior conditioning they will be able to come up with some big plays on defense.

"We will run various defensive schemes. We will run a half court and a full court press, and also plays lots of zone," Nowakowski said. "We stress positive basketball skills like running and conditioning. We stress the conditioning because when the fourth quarter comes along and there is one minute left, if we are in better shape, we will get the loose ball or

make the clutch shot."

If the Rams are going to be successful this year, they will have to do battle with many talented teams in their division like Minuteman, Lowell Catholic and North Shore. The Rams will also face teams like Lynn Tech from the CAC Upper Division, so the road to the tournament will not be an easy one, but it is one that Nowakowski and his team feel they can achieve.

"Minuteman will be very good and then there are team like Lynn Tech, Greater Lawrence and Chelsea to watch for," Nowakowski said. "You always want to try and make the tournament and also if we are fortunate enough we would like to compete for the league title, but we will just take it one game at a time."

If the Rams start off slowly, it certainly will not be time to panic. There are many young players on the team, and as noted even their three returning starters are all juniors. The best days may be ahead of this team, but that does not mean that this year cannot be successful as they build.

"We've got a very young team, and I definitely think we will improve as the year goes on," Nowakowski said.

After so long away from coaching, Nowakowski considers himself lucky to be leading this particular group of players.

"It's been 17 years since I coached and from he very first practice with this group it has been great. It's a great opportunity to work with youth," Nowakowski said. "I hope they appreciate me as much as a coach as I appreciate them as players. It's been a real pleasure for me to be back."

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# Wilmington youth hockey continues its fast pace play

The Wilmington Mite "A" Wildcats, victorious in their last three outings, endured a difficult weekend with two tough losses to Tewksbury and Wakefield. Both games were on Sunday morning and were "back-to-back".

The first game was played at 7:10 AM at the Chelmsford Forum against Tewksbury. In their previous meeting earlier this year the Cats skated to a 9-9 tie and were looking to display the same firepower as last game with improved defense. Unfortunately the game did not develop as planned and Tewksbury carried the play for much of the game and prevailed 8-5.

Despite the fact that Tewksbury carried the play for most of the game, the Cats were in this contest right to the end. In the first period Wilmington did a nice job of containing the Tewksbury forwards and ended the period with a 3-2 lead. After falling behind by a 2-0 score the Cats got going and Justin Ferriera got the Cats on the board as he took a pass from defenseman Drew Foley and buried it to cut the lead in half with five minutes left in the first period. This goal seemed to energize the Cats and less than two minutes later, JT Lynch took a feed from Justin and scored to tie the game at two goals apiece. Wilmington scored their third unanswered goal of the period when Jackie Mulrenan took a pass from JT Lynch and tucked it home for a 3-2 Wilmington lead as the period ended.

## Squirt D's win two over weekend

The Squirt D Team sponsored by Darmody, Merlino & Company continued their unbeaten Dual State record by defeating Chelmsford 4-2 and won their Valley League game against Andover 5-2.

**Wilmington 4, Chelmsford 2**  
The Wildcats put 20 shots on net during this Dual State game. The first two goals of the game came from Connor Brennan, off a nice pass from Brendan Munroe, and from a short-handed goal by Ryan Brothers. Brothers skated in on a breakaway was tripped and still put the puck in the net while down on the ice. With a 2-0 lead, Chelmsford stepped up their play and made this an exciting game by tying it up with only 1:56 left in the game. Wilmington had a power play advantage with 1:21 remaining and Brian Callahan took the opportunity to place a nice shot between the pipes with only 0:39 seconds remaining in the game. Cameron Babine put the final shot into an open net to end the game with a Wilmington 4-2 win.

**Wilmington 5, Andover 2**  
The Wildcats were looking forward to playing the Andover team again since they tied their last game with them. Wilmington struck immediately 10 seconds into the game when Brendan Munroe, assisted by Sara Alonardo, skated in and placed a nice wrist shot in from the left corner. Andover tied it up with only 1:28 left in the first but Wilmington responded with a goal with only 0:25 seconds left. Cameron Babine in a crowd in front of the net, didn't give up and poked the puck in. Wilmington scored three unanswered goals to bring the score to 5-1. Ryan Brothers scored on a breakaway, Frankie Cerbone scored a nice backhand, and Cerbone scored again on a nice pass from Babine. Cerbone's tenacity at holding his position in the front of the net paid off! Andover scored the final goal to ending the game 5-2.

Nick Luise was outstanding in net—keeping the Cats in both games! He faced a total of 40 shots on net; however, his third period play against Chelmsford was the highlight of his performance! The team is playing well together with Tyler MacInnis, Joe Favuzza, Brett Meuse, Jimmy O'Neill, Kelly Brandano, and Gordon Fitch all contributing to the wins.

## Squirt A's win another game

On Thursday December 5th the Wilmington Squirt A team notched another victory in Dual State action at Tyngsboro against an ea-

ger Gardner Squirt A team. Both teams played hard but the game remained scoreless until the second period. Then early in the second Brett Kidik lit the lamp off a scramble in front of the Gardner goalie, Brett's goal was assisted by Patrick Boudreau whose initial shot was stopped but Brett buried the rebound. Then Jeffrey Harris continued his torrid scoring pace by scoring an unassisted goal to give the Cats a 2-0 lead.

The Gardner squad answered the bell by scoring the next two goals to even the score at 2-2 after two. In the third period it was all Wilmington who scored the next three goals to seal the game. Patrick Boudreau got things going early in the third assisted by Brett Kidik to give the Cats a 3-2 lead. Kevin Barry and Matt Larffarello were buzzing around the Gardner end before Kyle Creedon scored a nice unassisted goal to increase the Wilmington lead to 4-2.

Late in the game Jeffrey Harris scored again on a beautiful breakaway goal that the Gardner goalie had no chance to stop making the score 5-2. Gardner did score with a minute to go on a breakaway making the final score 5-3. Goalie Tyler Stillings then stopped a point blank shot after Gardner pulled their goalie and forced the play with an extra attacker. The Squirt A defense of Brian Hurley, Brendan O'Brien, Chris Robertson and Danny Cushing were magnificent as usual.

On Sunday December 8th the Cats played host to the undefeated Marblehead Squirt A team in Valley League action. Wilmington played without question their best game of the season thus far. Both teams were flying with numerous scoring chances but neither team could convert on their scoring chances in the first period. However, in the second period Wilmington found pay dirt when Sean Keane scored early of a mad scramble in front of the Marblehead goalie. Sean's goal made the score 1-0 and was assisted by Danny Cushing and Brian Hurley.

Marblehead then beat goalie Tyler Stillings on a breakaway to even the score at 1-1. Then Danny Cushing scored a highlight reel goal by going end to end and beating the Marblehead goalie with a high screaming wrist shot to give the Cats a 2-1 lead after two periods. Danny's goal was assisted by Kyle Creedon and Kevin Barry. Marblehead then tied the game with a goal midway through the third period making the score 2-2.

Wilmington forwards Brett Kidik and Matt Larffarello were buzzing around the Marblehead zone when Wilmington's Patrick Boudreau scored a beautiful goal late in the third period to give the Cats a 3-2 lead. Pat's goal was assisted by Chris Robertson and Brian Fitzpatrick. Marblehead then pulled their goalie and Tyler Stillings made a big save with seconds to go to preserve the 3-2 victory.

The Wilmington defense of Jeffrey Harris, Danny Cushing and Chris Robertson practically controlled the game with their phenomenal defensive play. The "Big 3" limited the previously undefeated and very strong Marblehead team to very few good scoring chances.

The Squirt A team would like to thank their sponsor Focaccia's Restaurant for their generosity and also thank the outstanding and dedicated Squirt A coaching staff.

## Squirt E's remain busy

The Squirt E's played three games last week getting a tie, a loss and a win.

The first game was December 2 against Salem 4. The Dual State game involved two well matched teams and the result was a tie.

Ryan Maskell was in net for Wilmington. He played a great game, making some awesome glove saves.

Wilmington scored first on a goal from Trevor Foley assisted by Jared Ravagni. Salem scored next to tie it up. Ravagni scored next on a pass from Foley putting Wilmington up two to one going into the second period. Salem got the only goal of the second period to even it up.

Frankie Mearls put Wilmington ahead halfway through the third period. The goal was unassisted as he took the puck from his end, rushed up and took the shot. Salem tied it at three with under five minutes left in the game.

That's how the game ended.

The Wildcats were playing with nine players and a goalie. Trevor Foley centered a line with Jared Ravagni and Tommy Shafer. The second line saw Jeffrey Goossens at center with Joey Walsh and Jake Straccamoro on the wings. The forwards did a great job keeping pressure on Salem's goalie who made a number of big saves to keep Salem in the game.

The defense had three players: Matt Toto, Joey Russell and Frankie Mearls. The trio works well together; they do a good job of backing each other up. If one pinches in to make a play, the other falls back.

The Wildcats second game of the week was a Valley League game against S&S. S&S came out skating hard and passing well, two things Wilmington didn't seem to do, losing to S&S 6-0. It was just one of those games where nothing seems to be working right. Jeffrey Goossens was in net and stopped a number of shots, including some breakaways.

Wilmington played Woburn 4 the next morning and rebounded with a 5-1 win. It's one of the good things about this team, they seem to learn from a loss. They fix their mistakes and come back with a win.

Linden Hayes opened the scoring assisted by Ryan Maskell and Tommy Shafer. Jared Ravagni scored the second goal of the period assisted by Joey Walsh and Trevor Foley. Ryan Maskell got the only goal of the second period assisted by Bobby Carlin. With two minutes left in the game Woburn pulled their goalie but he wasn't even at the bench when Ravagni got a breakaway and scored in the open net. Woburn put the goalie back for the faceoff and then pulled him again. Shafer passed to Hayes who put the puck in the net to give Wilmington a 5-1 victory.

Jeffrey Goossens was in net again. He did a great job letting only one goal in the first period and then not giving up a goal for the next two periods.

Wilmington played with two forward lines. Foley centered a line with Walsh and Ravagni. The other line had Maskell with Shafer and Hayes. All the forwards figured in the scoring with either a goal or an assist.

There were five defensemen: Toto, Russell and Mearls were joined by Carlin and Straccamoro. They did a good job of keeping Woburn out of Wilmington's zone and keeping the play in Woburn's end.

The Wildcats would like to thank their sponsor Nocella Paving. Thanks also go to Ryan Maskell's mom and grandmother for sewing on the sponsor tags.

## Squirt B's have it all together

Buoyed by some nifty passing, excellent defense and ace goaltending, the Wilmington Squirt B Hockey team skated to a 4-1 victory against Wakefield last Sunday at Hockeytown.

Wilmington has only played two games since November 23 and both have been Dual State League games where the competition so far this year has not been as fierce as in the Valley League. The reduced game schedule over the last couple of weeks may have showed Sunday, when the B's played a fine game but seemed just a bit off of their usual pace.

But what little they may have lost Sunday in speed, they made up in passing and play making. And as for the goaltending, well Craig Benard was simply as sharp as he's been all year, and he factored big into the win.

Old reliable, David Mello, put the Wildcats out front at 3:08 of the first period with a nice wrist shot into the right corner off a faceoff in Wakefield's end. Nick Masiello won the faceoff for Wilmington, and winger Pat Young corralled it and quickly shifted it to Mello for the shot.

The B's hit again with 1:24 left in the first. This time it was Pat Young who lifted a pretty cross net shot to the glove side to land Wilmington its second tally and a 2-0 lead. Tommy Quilty and Nick Masiello chipped in the assists.

Wildcat net minder Benard had only two shots to save in the first period, but proved his worth to open the second when he came up with two huge saves during the first minute and a half of the period to frustrate Wakefield's bid to tie the game. The two gem saves

kept the game momentum staunchly in Wilmington's camp and proved pivotal as the game went on.

Wilmington's defense was also smooth as silk during the first two frames, covering the ice and skating out position to counter Wakefield's play making attempts. The crew of Quilty, Alex Williams, Kevin Moriarty, Johnny Malone and Jimmy Mullen complemented Benard nicely, giving him a little breather during the middle of the second. But Benard was called on again late in the period and came up with another dandy breakaway save with 1:50 left in the second to hold Wakefield scoreless through two.

Wakefield finally made its mark

## Wildcats take on Tewksbury

Going into the second period it appeared as though the Cats had turned the momentum around but this would not be the case. Tewksbury proceeded to dominate the second period and scored three unanswered goals to take a commanding 5-3 lead into the third.

JB Thompson got the start in goal for the Cats and played a fine game keeping many shots out of the net and helped keep Wilmington in striking distance. JB was repeatedly peppered with shots in the period and did all he could to prevent further damage. Tewksbury had a distinct size and speed advantage and despite the effort by the Cats defensemen, Cam Collins, Drew Foley, Nikhil Dixit and Paul Barbaro, Tewksbury proved to be too strong for them.

The third period started strong again for Tewksbury as they scored two goals early in the period to widen the gap to 7-3. The

in the first minute and 12 seconds of the third period when Mike Rudzinsky took a cross net pass from Tom Meade on the right side and put it by Benard, who did not have time to adjust to cover the corner. But a minute later, Benard got his satisfaction when he made a large power play save with 9:21 left to retain the 2-1 lead for the Cats. Just a few seconds later, Nick Masiello booked his lone goal of the game, slipping a low laser shot underneath Devon Woolbert's goalie pads to bring it to 3-1 and salvage Wilmington's two goal lead.

The B's defense hung tough in the third and killed three Wakefield power plays with a little help from

friends Adam Siegel, Adam Martinello, David Sugrue and Cole Carter at the forward positions. That foursome also contributed big with some excellent passing during the game.

Benard made another nice save with 3:51 left to take the wind out of Wakefield's sails, just before Wilmington scored its last at the 2:46 mark. That one was nailed by center Brian Coutu, who took Tommy Quilty and Mark Flanagan passes, weaved around traffic on the left side and let go with a fast ditch effort just as he was dumped into the boards. The shot went over Woolbert's glove to make it 4-1, the final score.

Cats would not quit however as wingers Daniel Keane, Nick DiRienzo, Brian Pickett, Jake Rogers, and Chris Newton kept battling. The defense held firm and the Cats began to mount a comeback as JT Lynch grabbed a loose puck and went the length of the ice to score and unassisted goal and cut the lead to three goals. A minute-and-a-half later, JT once again collected the puck, made a nice move on the goalie and once again scored unassisted to make the game interesting and cut the lead down to two goals with five minutes to play. The goal gave JT the hat trick and the Cats new life.

Despite a furious pace at the end of the game, Tewksbury would not yield and with thirty seconds left in the game they delivered the final blow scoring on the empty net to complete the victory.

The second game of the morning was played at 9:30 AM in Wil-

ington against powerhouse Wakefield. The Cats had just completed the Tewksbury game and were no match for the high flying Wakefield squad who dominated from start to finish. Nick DiRienzo was in goal for the Cats and made many stellar saves including two beauties against Wakefield's leading scorer, Mike Weaver. Despite these saves and Nick's efforts, Wakefield proved to be too tough and the Cats succumbed by an 8-2 score. Scoring for the Cats were Justin Ferriera assisted by Chris Newton and Jackie Mulrenan assisted by JT Lynch.

Despite the two losses, the Cats, sponsored by Champion's Choice, continue to improve and work hard every week. The team has made dramatic improvements since the start of the year and are looking forward to continued excellence and exciting youth hockey in the coming weeks.

## Reading baseball school has openings

The instructors of The Reading Baseball School have announced the details of this winter's programs. The Reading Baseball School, sponsored by The Reading Recreation Department, is this area's most popular baseball instructional program for boys and girls of ages six to 12.

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**February Vacation School:** This school will provide 10 hours of intensive instruction in the proper baseball fundamentals and mechanics. Players will improve specific baseball skills through drills, videotape sessions, and demonstrations. Emphasis will be placed on individual instruction and improvement. Players will be divided into small groups by age and ability and will engage in activities appropriate for their specific needs. Instruction will be in hitting,

throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, catching, and base running.

The majority of the instruction time will focus on hitting, where players will get as many as 1,000 swings. The hitting instruction is based on the demonstration and practice of proven hitting drills effective for beginning through advanced players. The February Vacation School will be offered from Monday, Feb. 17 through Thursday, Feb. 20. Players can choose from Session I: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Session II: 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

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At all of our programs, we believe that youngsters need frequent practice and repetition of baseball skills.

## Mite B's collect first victory

In Dual State action this week, the Mite B's, sponsored by the Wilmington Firefighters, took on the Tewksbury C team in Chelmsford. Zack Blanch got things started for the Wildcats when he found Matt Curran open in the slot and fed him a perfect pass that saw Matt put it in the back of the net. Jay Rossetti put the Cats up 2-0 as he banged home the rebound of a shot from Dan Luise.

With a minute left in the first period, Matt Curran returned the favor as he found Zack Blanch out front, who fired in his own rebound for a 3-0 lead.

The Cats went up 4-0 in the first minute of the second period as Brendan McDonough scored with an assist to Jay Rossetti. That closed out the scoring in the period as the Wildcat defense, Andrew Camillieri, Nolan Gaffey, Tyler Maffei, Chris Piscatelli and Killian Smith continued to keep Tewksbury at bay.

The third period saw a number of scoring chances from hard working forwards, Brendan Healy, Eric Masiello, Conor Ryan and Tyler Trites only to be stoned by the Tewksbury goalie. Zack Blanch then scored on a breakaway for his second goal of the game. With just two minutes to play, Tewksbury finally got on the board, scoring on a breakaway to deny the excellent goal tender, Ryan Kennedy, his chance for the shutout.

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## Stoneham Fire Chief Raymond Sorensen writes book

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SORENSEN**  
(at right) was a  
member of the  
Stoneham Fire  
Department for  
40 years, and

served as Chief for the department from 1967  
until the day he retired in 1986. His new book  
is an interesting and engaging account of the  
life of a small-town firefighter, including  
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filled with local flavor, as well as landmarks that  
should be recognizable to almost anyone in the  
Middlesex East readership area.

Retired Stoneham Fire Chief Raymond L.  
Sorensen has put his pen to paper in the years  
since he left the department, and the result is the  
book, "Strike a Third: Big Things Happen in Small  
Places". The tome is an interesting and engaging  
account of the life of a small-town firefighter, the tra-  
vails of running a department, and the simple joys  
that one can find on the job, any job, if you only take  
the time to look for them.

Chief Sorensen was a member of the Stoneham Fire  
Department for 40 years, and served as Chief for the  
department from 1967 until the day he retired in 1986.  
While not writing this book, he also keeps busy and his  
mind occupied by volunteering at the Winchester  
Hospital, as well as serving as a Trustee and Vice-  
President at the Stoneham Savings Bank.

He also still resides in the town that he served for so  
long, and keeps in contact with the men who currently  
serve in the fire department.

The nation's neglect for the job firefighters and police  
officers do forever changed on September 11, 2001, as millions  
watched men and women from both departments run head-  
long into the World Trade Center Towers, many of whom never  
returned.

There have been many books and news articles written  
about those events in the days and months since the tragic  
attacks, and anyone seeing Chief Sorensen's book on the shelf  
may ask themselves, "What could be so interesting about work-  
ing in a little Boston suburb?" As the book's title states, big  
things can happen in small places, because a firefighter never  
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The Emperor's Choice is known for its Asian Cuisine, healthy style of cooking, and its large selection of seafood. The Phantom Gourmet awarded them nine's and ten's, and they have ranked on top in many of the "best of's" in the

Emperor's Choice to S-3



STONEHAM RESIDENTS, MICHAEL AND HIS WIFE CONNIE WONG of the Emperor's Choice Restaurant on Main Street in Reading are shown above, amid their newly remodeled, fireplaced function rooms. The rooms can accommodate small groups and groups of up to 60.

(photo, David Sokol)

## "The Nutcracker" at Austin Prep this weekend

The holidays are a busy time for all of us with decorating, shopping for gifts, sending out holiday cards, and baking treats. Why not take some time out from this hurried schedule and enjoy the spirit of the season as "The Nutcracker" comes alive at Austin Preparatory School in Reading.

On Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM, Austin Prep students will come together in the school's fourth annual "Nutcracker" performance directed by Austin Prep English teacher and Dance Company Director, Maria Pascucci. Nearly 60 students in grades six through twelve, with help from members of the football team, join with a dozen teachers, coaches, and administrators to perform this timeless Christmas tale set to the music of Tchaikovsky.

"The performance truly

unites the school community as there are all ages, abilities, and different levels of stage experience," comments Director Pascucci, who herself studied with the Boston Ballet for five years and danced in its "Nutcracker." She adds, "It's wonderful to see a sixth-grader sharing the stage with an experienced senior as well as with one of the teachers or coaches. It truly fills me with pride to see their dedication to the production."

The students have committed much time to "The Nutcracker," which began rehearsals back in September. Austin's rendition incorporates traditional ballet elements and other styles of dance, including jazz, lyrical jazz, and even hip-hop. Additionally, many of the dancers play two roles, adding to the moves they must memorize.

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by Phyllis Nissen

### Back to the future in Reading

Reading's vigorous effort to preserve its historic buildings was recently highlighted at two statewide conferences in New Bedford," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner spoke at a Massachusetts Historical Commission meeting about the impact of the state's affordable-housing law on historic buildings. He told other city and town officials about Reading's lessons from two Chapter 40B projects - condos that replaced an 1854 Greek Revival house at 1375 Main St. and a planned apartment complex replacing the Spence Farm properties on West Street.

"Mr. Hechenbleikner told the audience how developers can be asked to have peer review conducted of their work, and how to seek mitigation of various sorts for the impact of these developments on historic properties.

"At a second conference the next day, this one sponsored by the nonprofit Historic Massachusetts, Inc., Historical Commission chairman Clayton Jones spoke on a panel about Reading's experience with its 1995 bylaw that allows a six-month delay on demolition of historic properties. He spoke to a crowd of other members of local historical commissions.

"About 80 cities and towns

in Massachusetts have such official demolition delays. Reading has had about 10 cases in which the bylaw was invoked to further the town's interest in retaining its rich architectural heritage.

"Reading's leadership in preservation was also acknowledged when Virginia Adams, a member of the town's Historical Commission, was asked at the state conference to explain the successful move and restoration of the 1710 Foster-Emmerson house in 1998 from the Meadow Brook Country Club. This preservation success has become a case study cited by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and others...."

### Red hot in Stoneham

"From the flame still burning in his heart and the red hot memories of being a Stoneham firefighter for 40 years, Ray Sorenson has put pen in hand and recorded the highlights of fighting fires and helping fellow residents since 1947," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Sorenson, former Stoneham fire chief for 19 years, was invited to be the featured speaker at a Stoneham Historical Society's meeting. Sorenson discussed the history of the department and some of the

more legendary fires that burned in Stoneham's past.

"Sorenson also discussed his book and he signed many copies for those in attendance. According to the Historical Society's Program Coordinator, Betty Whelan, the hall had a standing room only crowd of approximately 50 people.

"He was very interesting," said Whelan. Full of stories.

"Strike A Third: Big things can happen in small places," by Sorenson chronicles Stoneham fires and the history of your local firefighter. Sorenson's stories of how the equipment, town, and firefighters evolved over the years brought a lengthy question and answer period.

"Stoneham residents and curious readers alike should hurry to pick up Sorenson's book, as the first printing of 500 copies is soon to be history. There are approximately 100 books, which cost \$11.95, remaining on store shelves, according to Sorenson. 'Strike a Third: Big things can happen in small places,' was self published by Sorenson through World Press, of Ithaca, New York and edited by his talented daughter, Marsha Strykowski. Don't wait for the shelves to be replenished with this book, because he has no plans for a second printing.

"I won't be printing more," said Sorenson. "I don't think I am going to set the world on fire...."

### Emperor's Choice

From S-2

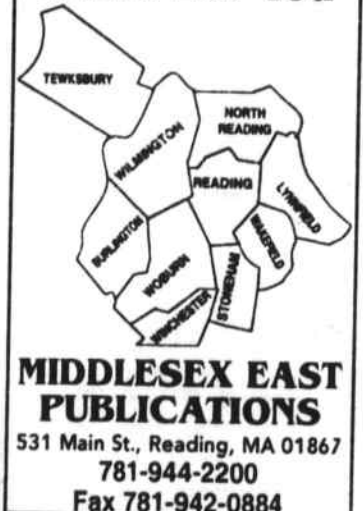
area. They offer takeout and delivery as well as gift certificates and catering services.

"It's hard to believe that it's been more than seven years since we opened," according to Michael Wong, co-owner of the Emperor's Choice Restaurant in Reading. "We are thankful of our customers support, especially those regular customers.

The Emperor's Choice opened in 1995 and they have become a respected member of the local community, donating food and gift certificates to local groups and those in need. According to Connie Wong, "we hope the community will continue to support us so that we can serve them in many more years to come."

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### Licensed to go in Woburn

"The name on the terrazzo stoop still reads 'Woolworth's' but the new Italian restaurant will be Tremonte," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Woburn native Anthony Contarino appeared in recent days before the Woburn License Commission to get an all alcoholic beverage license and the three-member commission agreed with just a little discussion.

"The site in the heart of Woburn Center at 397 Main Street.

"Contarino, who is a graduate of Johnson & Wales in Providence, RI, said he has had every type of restaurant experience known over the years. He most recently managed Giovanni's in Malden.

"He will be serving sit-down meals only at the 2,700 square foot site.

"Stoneham Attorney Daniel Moynihan appeared with Contarino for the 20-minute presentation that was also supported by the city's Woburn Redevelopment Authority, who have been charged by the mayor to revitalize the downtown Woburn area.

"The main entrance will be from the rear," said Moynihan.

"By arriving from the municipal lot, said Att'y Moynihan, it would make it easier and more convenient for everyone. The double doors out front, however, would be maintained with a handicapped accessible entrance/exit onto Main Street.

"Presently, the plans for the 104-seat restaurant call for an opening at noontime with closings consistent with city liquor laws.

"Contarino said that he had looked at several locations 'and it took a long time to find the right spot.'

"He noted there would be nine seats at a bar but no standing room would be requested.

"The Executive Director of the Woburn Redevelop-

ment Authority, Donald Borchelt, heartily endorsed the petition. Veronica Booker of the nearby First Congregational Church also endorsed this petition...."

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## Chief Sorenson's book

From S-1

The book is filled with on-the-job stories, as well as photographs from local news photographer and Wakefield resident Donald T. Young, whose pictures often grace the pages of this publication week to week, as well as those of many of the newspapers in the area. About Young's photos, Sorensen writes in the book's Acknowledgement that they "bring to life the different incidents much better than any words that can be written."

During Sorensen's tenure as Fire Chief in Stoneham, and the time period covered in the book, the town's fire department consisted of one centrally-located fire station that housed three engines, a reserve engine and a ladder truck. There was one chief, a secretary, a fire prevention captain and four shifts of 12 men each. Each of the different groups of men had one captain and one lieutenant assigned to it.

The book begins with a recollection of how Sorensen became interested in a career as a firefighter. The year was 1941, and the members of the Stoneham fire department were busy battling a blaze at a municipal dump on Stevens Street, which was less than a mile from Sorensen's house.

Lured by the sounds of the sirens and the smoke, both he and a childhood friend watched as the then-Chief looked on as his men fought to get the fire under control. He made a comment, wondering aloud why the fire personnel weren't attacking the blaze from the side, which the Chief heard and didn't take too kindly too. The next year he and his friend joined the Stoneham Auxiliary Fire Department as 16-year-olds, with World War II well underway. He had begun to take the first few baby steps that would eventually lead him to wear the same title as the man he was watching on the scene that day.

The book chronicles many unusual stories that the Stoneham fire department has been involved in over the years, such as:

• A day in 1958 when a United States Air Force F-94 Interceptor plane and a T-33

Trainer collided over the skies north of Boston with a bang. Two Stoneham firefighters happened to see the explosion, as well as parachutes gliding towards Winchester. A teletype message was sent to Winchester fire to notify them of the situation, and soon alarms were struck for two house fires in Winchester, which Stoneham responded to under the mutual aid plan, as debris began to rain down all over town.

• In 1966, Stoneham firefighters had some interaction with a celebrity, when the Stone Zoo called to say that the water in Major the polar bear's home was rising. The department pumped out the area around Major, and determined that the moat's pump had rocks in it, which were blocking it;

• How in one year, the department responded to three different calls of local boys getting themselves

stuck in metal trash barrels.

Anyone who has lived in the area will recognize many of the locations throughout the book, and area fire departments such as Wakefield and Reading make many appearances on these pages.

The book conveys the special bond that firefighters share, both with the members of their firehouse and those they share a profession with around the world. As Sorensen writes in his dedication for the book, "Being a fire chief is a 24-hour, seven day a week job but the 19 years that I did this went by in a flash. The late night fires, the political arguments and the stressful moments are all forgotten, but my interactions with the members of the Stoneham Fire Department will always be in my heart."

For those interested, the book can be found in book stores in Stoneham, and in surrounding towns when in stock.

## The Boston Tea Party reenactment this Sunday

On December 16, 1773, thousands of Patriots and Loyalists flooded the Old South Meeting House, to determine the fate of the cargo aboard three ships docked in Boston Harbor. A fiery debate ensued and concluded when Samuel Adams declared, "This meeting can do no more to save this country!" The Sons of Liberty recognized this cry as the secret signal to race to Griffin's Wharf and dump 342 chests of tea into the frigid waters of Boston Harbor. This bold act of defiance became known worldwide as the Boston Tea Party.

The Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum will celebrate the 229th anniversary of this historic milestone on Sunday, December 15. Visitors and volunteers from Massachusetts Council of Minutemen and Militia will reenact the debate that led to one of the most famous acts of rebellion in American History. Don't just sit back and let others decide the fate of your country for you! You decide what to do about the baneful weed!

Temper will fly and patience will be tested at 5:30 p.m. at the Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street,

Boston. Admission is \$1; but the event is free to those who arrive sporting traditional colonial costumes. Only the first 600 people will be permitted inside.

Character cards will be given to visitors for use during the debate. The Old South Meeting House is wheelchair accessible. The debate will conclude at 6 p.m. with a Fife and Drum Corps leading visitors out into the Borders plaza across the street. For more information, please call (617) 482-6439.

## Sat. Jan. 18th... Woburn High School Class of 1997 Reunion

WOBURN - Woburn High School Class of 1997 is planning its fifth year reunion for Saturday, January 18, 2003 beginning at 6 PM at the Black Rhino on 21 Broad Street (near Faneuil Hall) in Boston.

Complete details of the event have been recently mailed to all classmates last known address. Event price is

## Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION:** Who's four field goals helped the Oakland Raiders hand the Miami Dolphins their first loss following their famous 17-0 season? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

• **READING'S BILL HUNTER and NORTH READING'S STEVEN ROGERS** recently finished first at the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association (EMBA) Sectional tournament. Bill won the Friday Open Pairs and Saturday Flight A Pairs events, and Steven the Flight B Pairs at the Fall Sectional held in Hyannis. EMBA's next tournament is Dec. 15-17 at the Armenian Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown. Players will compete at all levels, from beginner to expert. Linda Robinson is chair of the event. For more information about the schedule, contact her at 781-648-3160, or go to [www.acblemba.org](http://www.acblemba.org).

• **WINCHESTER'S JEREMY CARROLL**, a senior defensive back for the Amherst College football team, picked off a New England Small College Athletic Conference-high seven passes this season.

• **THE BURLINGTON ICE PALACE**, conveniently located at 36 Ray Avenue in Burlington, is currently offering daily Public Skating time six days a week. From Monday through Friday, public skating is held from 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by Stick Practice from 12-1:15 pm. Weekend sessions are offered from 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday and on Sunday, from 3:20-4:20 pm throughout the month of December. Call 781-272-9517 for more details.

\$65.00 with checks payable to Woburn High School Class of 1997 and mailed to 50 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA 01801 c/o WHS Class of 1997.

For more information and other details about the event, classmates are encouraged to contact:

[classof97whs@yahoo.com](mailto:classof97whs@yahoo.com)

• Need some help with this week's trivia question? The player's first name is George.

• **NORTH READING'S ADAM FORREST** raised the bar when he posted a new record for St. Michael's diving during the Bentley College Invitational, scoring a 165.4. The previous record had been in place for 26 years.

• **A TANNER PRIDE SOFTBALL CLINIC** will be held December 26-28 at Hitter's Alley in Woburn from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The program is for girls ages 9 to 15. Fee is \$60 per player. All fundamentals will be stressed including specific drills for pitching, catching, infield, and hitting. The camp staff will include current college softball players. Enrollment is limited so call Michele or Jacqui Greene at 781-939-6991.

• **THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting for new members for the 2003 season. The team, comprised of skaters from four New England states, has in its two competitive seasons qualified for and been finalists at the National Synchronized Skating Championships. Skaters must be age 25 or


older, with good command of edges, turns, and stops and be current USFSA or ISI members at the time of tryout. For more information call 978-263-3450.

• **The 'RED HEAT'** is looking for experienced softball players to participate in a 18 game schedule on Sunday's at Strike One in Danvers through March of 2003. Players should be between the ages of 15 and 18. For additional information call David at 781-246-0098.

• **TEWKSBURY'S DAN SANSFIELD** was recently named to the Merrimack Valley Conference's all-conference boys cross country team.

• **ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The player was George Blanda.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOME, THING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.



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Whether you need to unwind after a tension filled day at work, or would like to soothe muscles and joints that are sore due to sports or arthritis pain, hydrotherapy may be the answer, doctors say. Lying in a warm, bubbling hydrotherapy tub may help promote muscle relaxation, temporary relief, bodily cleansing, healing, even help for insomnia, some experts believe. Over time hydrotherapy may even bring about healthy changes in your circulatory system, some say. This relaxing and heated "air" massage may not only be great for daily bathing, but also for a full body massage.

Now you can enjoy the therapeutic experience of hydrotherapy at your convenience, thanks to air bubbler tubs for the home, such as the Champagne Bubbler from LASCO Bathware, the nation's leading maker of fiberglass and acrylic bath fixture products. The latest addition to the company's collection of luxury bathware, the Champagne Bubbler provides the most highly customizable massage experience available. Unlike conventional whirlpools with just four to eight jets, the Champagne Bubbler pulsates water from thousands of bubbles surging from air portals strategically located in the bottom radius of the deep bathing well.

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## Try to mail gifts early, correctly

With volumes of cards, letters and packages expected to mushroom with the countdown to the holidays, Middlesex East postal officials advise customers to mail early.

Joining in the "mail early" plea are: Postmasters John P. Meuse, Woburn; Donna M. Legro, Wakefield; Brenda A. Martin, North Reading; John M. Driscoll, Reading; James R. "Jake" Quinn, Wilmington; Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury, and Officers-in-Charge Brian S. O'Leary, Lynnfield; Mark R. Howell, Winchester, and Nicolas Francescucci, Burlington.

"Our goal is to deliver increased holiday mail volumes at our normal year-round service levels to make your holidays magical," they said, adding, "Although we have taken extra measures to handle added volume, we are asking customers to mail early to avoid a back up of mail the last days before Christmas."

U.S. Postal Service customers will bring nearly 20

# Health & Medicine



## For the holidays Eat yourself thin

If you are one of the several million people who count carbohydrates as part of your life, the upcoming holiday season can be quite challenging. Although you can "treat" yourself to foods typically forbidden for people on diets, such as steak, eggs and cheese, acceptable sweet treats that fit in with your daily regimen are not so easy to find and enjoy. Low carbers are usually faced with even more challenges and temptations during the holidays.

Nancy Moshier, a registered nurse, low carb dieter and author of the "Eat Yourself Thin Like I Did" and "Eat Yourself Thin With Fabulous Desserts" cookbooks, offers

some quick and easy helpful tips.

- Never go to a party hungry. Unless you know that the menu features foods that are on your diet, eat before you go.

- If you are tempted by sugary laden desserts and candies, take a long a low carb sweet treat, such as a chocolate or chocolate-almond flavored Carb Solutions Candy Bar, that slips easily into your handbag for the on the spot chocolate snacking.

- Prepare a few dinner entrees ahead of time and keep them in your freezer to slip into the microwave for a quick meal after a full day of shopping and other holiday preparations.

such as requirements for insurance, delivery confirmation, and desired time for package arrival. Other helpful mailing tips to avoid glitches include:

- Select a container that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

- Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape.

- Plain air-popped popcorn, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts work well for cushioning contents.

- The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. TIP: Place a return address label inside the package.

- Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

- Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken to the post office for mailing.

- When writing to Santa, be sure to use a return address. Santa may write back. Also, when writing Santa, please do not place any cookies for Santa or hay for his reindeer as this can gum up mail sorting equipment and delay delivery.

"The holidays are here, and we want to make sure your mail flies like an eagle and is delivered on time. Just help us by mailing early," he said.

MIDDLESEX EAST appearing in Daily Times - Chronicle (Reading, Woburn, Winchester, Burlington, Wakefield, Lynnfield Villager, No. Reading Transcript, Wilmington & Tewksbury Town Crier, Stoneham Independent)

- Keep low carb cookies, desserts and treats prepared ahead of time and in the freezer for last-minute entertaining or just personal snacking.

To get you started, here's one of Nancy's tried-and-true favorite recipes, which hard as it is to believe, are said to taste like old-fashioned sugar cookies without a speck of sugar.

### SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup butter, softened (2 sticks)

2 1/4 cups Carb Solutions vanilla shake mix

1/2 cup Splenda sweetener, divided

1/2 teaspoon teaspoon vanilla extract

1 large egg

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a nonstick cookie sheet and then set aside. Place 1/4 cup sweet-

ener in a small shallow bowl and then set aside. In a medium bowl cream butter, shake mix, remaining sweetener, and vanilla extract thoroughly. Stir in egg until well mixed. Shape into 1" balls and place on prepared cookie sheet 2" apart. Flatten with the bottom of a glass sprayed and then dipped in sweetener between each cookie, shaking off excess. Bake 8-10 minutes. Cool on rack to room temperature. Store covered in the refrigerator. Best when served cold. 40 cookies at 7 grams carbs each.

For additional, helpful tips and free recipes, visit the Web site at [www.low-carb-cookbooks.com](http://www.low-carb-cookbooks.com) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Nancy Moshier, P.O. Box 338, Garrison, MN 56450.

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## Movie Reviews

### "Solaris" a Hollywoodized story

by Paul Feely

**MOVIE: "SOLARIS"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\***

Review: Director Steven Soderbergh takes on the science fiction cult classic by Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky, and emerges with a shorter, slightly Hollywoodized love story.

George Clooney stars as a scientist sent off to a space station to examine bizarre events regarding the station's crew, who have apparently begun seeing, and interacting, with dead relations and relatives while in orbit near the planet Solaris, which is essentially a big, living brain.

He begins seeing and interacting with his own dead wife, played by Natasha McElhone, and begins to wonder what's wrong with such hallucinations, if they are hallucinations at all?

The photography is great, the storyline interesting, but the ending is changed from the original, which may make some romantics happier than they were with the first film.

#### SHORTTAKES

**MOVIE: "DIE ANOTHER DAY"**

**GRADE: \*\*\***

Review: Pierce Brosnan

makes his fourth appearance as James Bond in this latest outing, and it is the best Bond flick in about 20 years

This is the 20th James Bond movie, and the 40th anniversary since author Ian Fleming created the super-spy, and the producers have loaded this film with references, some subtle and some not, to the other 19 that have come before it. For Bond-ophiles who have seen the other films numerous times it is a feast for the eyes, as plot twists, characters, and gadgets all call to mind others that have come before them (one nice touch is when Bond picks up a copy of a bird-watching guide written by James Bond, the book that inspired Fleming to use the name for his new creation).

Halle Berry makes a nice addition to the long list of

TEWKSBURY, Frank Renda of WAKEFIELD, Anthony Ferrara of WILMINGTON, Jackie Graham of WINCHESTER and Joslyn McShaffrey of WOBURN.

I asked Wayne Higden from BURLINGTON (when we were on the Carrier Wasp), Ken, another two years and we'll both retire from the Navy, where are you going to settle down?" Wayne said, I'm going to walk off this ship and carry an OAR over my shoulder. The first person who asks me "what the heck is that?" That's where I'll stay." Burlington, your lucky there was one guy who didn't know what an oar was because you have a wonderful friend of mine as a resident...

Dennis Tully wasn't so hot a student in GEOMETRY. The teacher asked, Dennis a Pentagon is a five sided figure - a HEXAGON is a six sided figure - can you tell me what a "Polygon" is?" Dennis smiled

and said, "I think a polygon is a DEAD PARROT..."

Blackie Vega and Johnny Ave were walking on Main Street when they met FATHER DICK MESSINA coming towards them with his arm in a sling. "What happened Father?" Blackie asked. "I slipped in the bathtub and hurt my arm," Fr. Dick replied. Later, Blackie asked Johnny, "What's a bathtub?" "How do I know," Johnny exclaimed, "I'm not a CATHOLIC!"

A company that made medicine for the, "HARD OF HEARING" asked my Uncle John for a testimonial Uncle John complied saying, "for ten years I couldn't hear a thing but, after using your product for three weeks, I heard from my brother in CALIFORNIA..."

We are invited to my AUNT NORA'S 87TH BIRTHDAY PARTY. Kathy asked me, "Fatso, do you think she'll have 87 CANDLES on the cake?" "Look here!" I shouted, "it's going to be a birthday party NOT A "TORCH-LIGHT" PARADE!"

Do you remember "She's lovely, she's engaged she uses Ponds?" Well my sister Maureen didn't get married until she used soap...

## Woodchips From S-1

VIRGIL AND CAESAR. All I can say Joe, is that, "LATIN WAS ALL GREEK to me in school and now writing this column sometimes ENGLISH is all GREEK TO ME..."

The difference between professional BASEBALL and FOOTBALL is-in BASEBALL the BASES get, "LOADED."

I was never good enough to make the home town football team. COACH ROBERT O'KEEFE made me the WATER-BOY. One year I, "SPIKED," the WATER BUCKET with some of my father's HOME-MADE HOOTCH. Folks, that year there wasn't any team in the GREATER BOSTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE that had more "TIME-OUTS" for a DRINK OF WATER or had greater "SPIRIT" than my home town team...

Kathy watches almost all the SOAP OPERAS AND GAME SHOWS on TV. The house is starting to show the lack of attention to house work. I came home from work and she greeted me with, "OH! IT'S YOU AGAIN." I said to her, "how would you like to see a "FLOOR-SHOW" tonight?" She jumped off the easy chair, shut off the TV went to the closet for her coat then said, "I'll be ready in a minute." "HEY, WAIT A MINUTE," I said, "I mean, GET A SHOE-EL AND "DUST" the kitchen floor. I'm sure after a while you'll see the, "FLOOR SHOW!"

Folks, I have often REGRETTED MY SPEECH BUT NEVER MY SILENCE...

I had to give up my job INSTALLING MUFFLERS- I

came home EXHAUSTED...

A CENSUS TAKER asked me, "Woodchipper, how MANY IDIOTS live in this house besides yourself?" "WHOA- just

a minute," I said, "DON'T INSULT me like that!" "I'm sorry," he said, "let me rephrase the question, "how many idiots live in this house, "INCLUDING" YOUR-SELF!"...

I remember when Kathy was so worried about TURNING GRAY she turned "BLONDE" overnight!...

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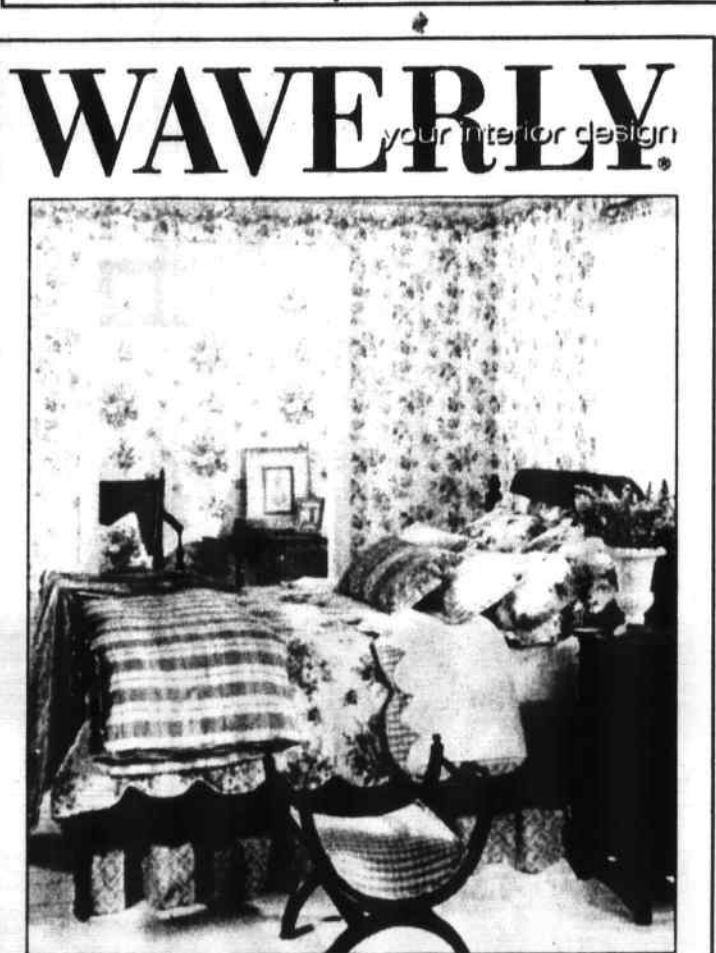
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# School Notes by Phyllis Nissen

## GOING, GOING...GONE

"The school budget projected deficit for fiscal 2003 grew to \$202,407 from a projection of \$179,737, according to Sam Rippin, director of finance," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Still, Rippin said he hopes that the deficit could be brought down to around \$125,000. Rippin, Superintendent Dr. James Marini, School Committee Chairman Peter Haley and committee members Beth LaDow and Sarah Swiger joined the Finance Committee to discuss the projected shortfall and its causes.

"The major reasons for the deficit, according to Rippin, are salary increases, an unbudgeted sick leave, one created part-time position per union negotiations after budget, unanticipated legal expenses and other minor operating costs. The salary increases are the major contributing factor driving the deficit and drew

the most questions from Finance Committee members.

"Rippin said the school budgeted \$90,000 for that purpose but the pay increases almost doubled that amount to \$172,000. A salary increase can happen when a teacher accrues 15 credits. Credits are obtained by mentoring, attending college and professional development courses, and participating in other professional development. One course, for instance, is worth 3 credits.

"Aside from these pay hikes, there are also longevity and salary steps but those were not the causes for the budget increase, Rippin said. "In the current teachers' union contract, teachers got paid as soon as they get the credits. So column moves can occur at any moment during the year...."

### Class size down in Tewksbury

"In response to the con-

cerns raised by parents that local classrooms are overcrowded, town officials have secured the hiring of a new first grade teacher and a fourth grade teacher's aide at the Dewing Elementary School," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"More than 200 parents presented to the School Committee a petition in which a plea was made to address the high number of students per teacher in classes at the Dewing School. This year, the size of classes for the first grade have increased due to a rising number of transitional students from out of town who are attending local schools. Currently, there are as many as 30 students in a first grade class at the Dewing School. The recommended figure calls for only 22 students.

"School, town and state budgets are shoestring in nature this year, so the effort to secure funds for the new teaching positions necessitated a collaboration between many local boards.

"The overcrowded classrooms and strained budget have been a mounting concern for parents of Tewksbury students and town officials alike. The School Committee and the Finance Committee met with the Board of Selectmen and laid out their financially bleak picture. The three boards came to a consensus to find funding within their budgets to remedy this situation...."

### Nine honored in Lynnfield

"Nine teachers were featured in the seventh Annual

Edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2002," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"The Lynnfield teachers include fourth grade teacher at Summer Street School Michelle Robert, physical education instructor at Summer Street Craig Stone, High School music teacher Doug Hodgkins, High School math teacher Marylou Sambatakos and Middle School Language Arts teacher MaryBeth Wing.

"Also honored was Salemwood Elementary teacher Donna Angelo, of Summer Street; Arthur Coolidge Middle School teacher Andrea Bruno, of Wing Road; Saugus High School teacher Walter Keddy, of Heritage Lane; and Bishop Fenwick High School teacher Marianne Russo, of Melody Lane.

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Columbus returns to handle the sequel (though he has announced he will not return for the planned third movie), and recreates the magic and charm that has made the books these movies are based on, and the films themselves, such hits

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OLD RD was sold to Stevn A Enos &amp; Tricia Enos by Blueberry Ets LLC for \$415,000

11 HALLMARK GDNS U:2 was sold to Manuel Khandjiana &amp; Luiza Grigorian by Yan Ziao &amp; Xingui Liu for \$179,900

HARRIETT AVE L:A was sold to Stephen W. Petrovich &amp; Joann L Petrovich by Shirley A Whipple for \$3,000

10 HILLTOP DR was sold to Hongchun Zue by Margaret M Munroe &amp; Linda Hughes for \$272,500

13 KNOLLWOOD CT U:13 was sold to Alice M Sabbag &amp; Sabbag FT by Rita M Hamel for \$388,500

90 LOCUST ST was sold to Anthony Fabrizio &amp; Christine N Fabrizio by Joseph S Crum &amp; Muriel E Crum for \$315,000

## -LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$362,500

8 WHEELER ST was sold to Matthew B Kennedy &amp; Marcie A Kennedy by David M Burgess, Tr for Burgess FT for \$555,000

## -NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$296,250

10 GORDON RD was sold to Robert Weadick Jr &amp; Gordon F Thorton by Kevin P Muray &amp; Kristin E Grant for \$223,000

12 MACARTHUR RD was sold to Donna-Jean Magnasco by Robert D Martin &amp; John D Schwab for \$355,000

49 NORTH ST was sold to Dale R Delvecchio &amp; Jennifer L Patterson by Phyllis Vanella for \$395,000

15 SHORE RD was sold to Roseanne D Davidson by Edward Fitzgerald III for \$277,000

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Median Price: \$315,000

342 ASH ST was sold to Hyung Tae E Choi &amp; Young Ae Baek by Demosthenes Kalkinis &amp; Christine Kalkinis for \$403,000

11 CARNATION CIR U:11 C was sold to Michael E Galli by David B Bull &amp; Nancy Bull for \$394,000

25 CENTER AVE was sold to Bob J Son &amp; Jong Ok Son by Richard David Diorio &amp; Carol Ann Diorio for \$350,250

85 MINERAL ST was sold to Cynthia M Jablonski by Laura J Gaito for \$320,000

34 SPRUCE RD was sold to Steven M Matruillo &amp; Nanette Matruillo by William L Buckley for \$469,500

605 SUMMER AVE U:B212 was sold to Arthur W Lyon &amp; Margaret M Lyon by Carolyn M Ritchie for \$289,900

110 TIMBERNECK DR was sold to Joseph J Belmonte Jr by Bruce A Reilly Tr, Tr for Reilly FT for \$475,000

128 VAN NORDEN RD was sold to Keith Ballantyne &amp; Judy Cianciolo by G&amp;Z Dev Corp for \$510,000

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8 BEACON ST was sold to Warren P Pumyea &amp; Janine E Pumyea by James W Buckley &amp; Jeannette M Buckley Date for \$250,000

28 ISABELLA ST was sold to Daniel Warner &amp; Kristin M Lewis-warner by Cheryl A Scully for \$420,000

64 MAIN ST U:44B was sold to Elizabeth S Wright by Paul McCarthy &amp; Gloria McCarthy for \$220,500

100 MAIN ST U:6 was sold to Anthony Page by Brown Wayne F Est &amp; Kevin J Flood for \$173,000

10-12 MONTVALE AVE was sold to Joann S Marrone by Victoria Cantlin Tr, Tr for Joseph A Marrone T for \$350,000

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Median Price: \$259,900

50 APACHE WAY U:50 was sold to Mary Colburn-Oneill &amp; Kenneth E Oneill by Cynthia A Vaccaro &amp; Derek J Beaird for \$238,900

106 HERITAGE DR U:106 was sold to Fran R Longo by Stanley D Chin &amp; Sue F Chin for \$235,500

54 LAKEVIEW AVE was sold to Jeremy M Roberts by Ronald D Baldwin &amp; Marjorie G Baldwin for \$217,000

160 SHAWSHEEN ST U:2 was sold to Irene Buckley by Christina M Levangie &amp; Steven J Schumacher for \$230,000

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38 BENNETT ST U:2B was sold to Laurie L Lakin by Rosanne T Guerriero &amp; James J Olson Jr for \$170,000

5 COLUMBIA RD was sold to Patric P Barbieri, Tr for 5 Columbia RT 1 by David A Incerto, Tr for Otrenci RT for \$645,000

7 ELK SPRING DR was sold to Timmy P Cao by Albert D Uva &amp; Lynda M Uva for \$395,000

122 FARM ST was sold to John M Flynn &amp; Valerie A Flynn by Agnes Zarohian for \$290,000

26 FRIEND ST was sold to James J Olson Jr &amp; Rosanne T Guerriero by Rebecca J Powell &amp; Rebecca Jean Maher for \$315,000

HARRISON AVE L:208 was sold to M Patrick Donovan &amp; Lisa L Donovan by Thomas J Macone &amp; Frank Bramante for \$664,900

7 JESSICA LN was sold to Hector Cabrera &amp; Maria Cabrera by William F Coleman for \$475,000

294-298 MAIN ST U:24 was sold to John W Petrillo &amp; Robin J Petrillo by P Khachadorian T for \$120,500

14 MONTROSE AVE was sold to Ellen Marie Armata &amp; Vincenzo Armata by Steven W Halverson &amp; Karen M Halverson for \$520,000

22 MOREL CIR was sold to Edgardo Vargas &amp; Karina E Vargas by Phyllis Frederick for \$350,000

73 OAK ST was sold to J David Hollinden &amp; Laurel A Hollinden by Joseph C Sasso &amp; Karen M Sasso for \$380,000

410 SALEM ST U:202 was sold to Robert G Demone by Sarah Zahar T for \$326,900

288 WATER ST was sold to Erik D Gosh &amp; Martha A Gosh by Richard A Gomez &amp; Andrea C Gomez for \$382,000

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58 FIORENZA DR was sold to Deborah A Medvecky &amp; Roland E Teague 3rd by Andover Heights Dev Corp for \$609,900

34 LUCAYA CIR was sold to Denise J Cannon by Thomas E Cannon for \$95,000

520 MAIN ST was sold to Pandolfo Co Inc by Fred F Cain Inc for \$1,000,000

195 WILDWOOD ST was sold to Nancy M Pote by Ira T Pote Jr for \$262,000

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Median Price \$564,000

12 BALDWIN ST was sold to Walter A Scott was Suzanne Maloney &amp; Daniel Doherty for \$225,000

2 ELMWOOD AVE was sold to Stetson Hall LLC by Stetson prtnrshp LLC for \$3,800,000

37 HILL ST was sold to Evangelia Eliopoulos &amp; Christos Eliopoulos by Constr Inc 21 for \$1,220,000

14 LOCKE ST was sold to Heidi Rustein-dileo &amp; Dennis-A Dileo 3 by Christopher M Sanders for \$410,000

200 SWANTON ST U:724 was sold to Ellen Nora Orourke by Sherif A Hassan for \$146,500

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# Tis the season to practice holiday safety

Decking the halls with boughs of holly may have been a popular means of decorating for the holidays of years past, but flashing bulbs, illuminated icicles, even animated figurines on lawns and rooftops are a far more common sight today. And, while there's no denying their beauty, electrical decorations such as light strings, animated ornaments and figurines should be used and displayed with the utmost care.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 10,000 people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and trees.

To address this alarming trend, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, is teaming up with the National Fire

Association (NFFPA), a private, nonprofit fire safety advocate group, to sponsor Operation Decoration, a public awareness campaign aimed at helping to promote holiday decorating safety.

The safety professionals at UL and the NFFPA offer the following tips and precautions when decorating your home this season:

- When purchasing live, cut trees or greens, carefully inspect the needles. If they're brown or break easily, the greenery isn't fresh and poses a greater fire risk. When you take your tree home, put it in a sturdy, non-tip stand and keep it filled with water at all times.

- If your family prefers decorating with artificial trees or greens, purchase those that are flame-retardant.

- Place your tree or greens at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other

heat sources. Also make sure not to block a doorway or other exit route.

- Electrical light strings and



easily identified by red UL Marks.

- Before you begin decorating, your first step should be to follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using.

- Before plugging in newly purchased or previously used electrical decorations, carefully inspect concerning installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using.

- Before plugging in newly purchased or previously used electrical decorations, carefully inspect each decoration. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new, UL listed decorations.

decorations such as candle-lights and illuminated ornaments that have been tested by UL bear holographic labels—

- Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's wire insulation.

- Don't overload extension cords—it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.

- Don't allow children or pets to play with light strings,

# Cords: not one size

Just because the first extension cord you find in your garage has the length to reach the outlet across the room, doesn't mean it's the proper one to use for the task at hand. If a power tool is drawing more current than an extension cord can carry, the cord and tool could overheat and create a fire hazard. Before using any extension cord to help power an electrical tool or appliance, the safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) encourage consumers to ask themselves three important questions:

Will I use the cord indoors or outdoors? What is the total wattage rating of the appliances I'll use with the cord? How far is the nearest outlet from where I'll be working?

candle lights or other electrical decorations. These decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock if they are misused.

- Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

- Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers that bear the UL Mark. Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to use, size and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge." The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12-gauge wire would be larger, and can power larger wattage appliances than a 14-gauge wire.

Before deciding which extension cord to use, first carefully read the manufacturer's instructions for the power tools you will be using. These booklets contain important information about your tools and will provide helpful tips on their use and care. The booklets will also indicate whether the tools are suitable for use outdoors.

Likewise, the first step in determining which extension cord you need is to decide whether you are using the appliance indoors or outdoors. Extension cords that can be used outdoors are clearly marked "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances." Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors; it could result in an electric shock or fire hazard.

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In the past our readers have been very generous of their donations and as a small thank you Middlesex East publishes the names of all donors throughout the holiday season.

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